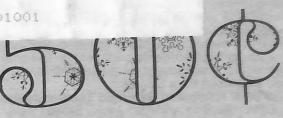


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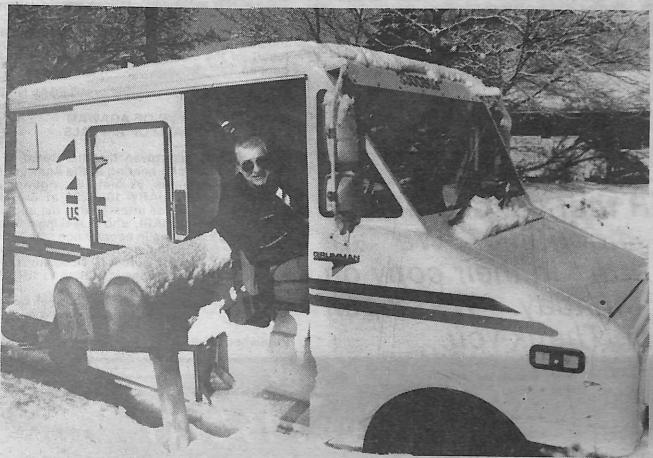


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AGAWAM POSTAL CARRIER PAUL KORETZ, like many letter carriers in the community, have found delivering mail during this frigid, stormy month of January difficult. The Post Office urges all residents to please clear their mailbox areas of snow and ice. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sports Complex...

Ideas Discussed Concerning Proposed Tuckahoe Sportsplex

by Kathy Cassanelli

Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas inched closer to making his vision of a youth sports complex on the Tuckahoe Turf Farm a reality at a first-stage planning meeting between town officials, representatives of youth athletic associations, and interested townspeople held at the Agawam Public Library

Using a map to explain the town's overall plans for the 292-acre parcel, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the proposed sports complex would be located on the 30 to 40 acres of flat land adja-

cent to Pheasant Hill Village.

Access to the complex could be through Hendom Drive, Bunker Hill Drive, or South West Street. The town is currently negotiating with the state to locate an exit ramp from Route 57 into the complex when construction of the highway is completed, Johnson said.

"This area could become one of our main athletic facilities," Johnson said, while the southern section of the property would be set aside for agricultural use and passive recreation.

Johnson said long-range plans for the northern site include an elementary school in 10 to 15

Former Town Councilor Daniel Lacienski has agreed to lend his expertise to the project. After warning the group not to expect funding from the town, Lacienski said, "I think we have a very worthwhile project—a very do-able project." Lacienski is also the former long-time president of the Agawam Athletic Association (AAA).

Although there is the possibility of applying for grants to fund the project, Johnson said Agawam would be competing with 25 to 30 other communities for scarce state resources.

Lacienski proposed that the complex include multi-use fields that allow softball fields to be set into the four corners of a soccer field. Football fields could then overlay the soccer field, thus allowing for expanded use of the fields. Outdoor basketball courts are also needed, according to

Representatives from the various athletic associations in town said there are 1,100 children playing baseball, 1,000 playing soccer, and 100 playing football.

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Winter Weather Woes...

Bye January -We're Glad To See You GO

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The Arctic Express roared into the area on the heels of a snow, sleet, and freezing rain storm on Monday, January 17th, leaving town streets buried under a two-inch ice pack for most of last

Record low temperatures kept the mercury well below zero at night, with daytime temperatures barely reaching into the low teens through Friday.

Hazardous driving conditions forced the closing of school on Tuesday, January 18th; caused a one-hour delay in the start of classes on Wednesday and Thursday (January 19th and 20th); and contributed to a minor accident involving a school

bus on the afternoon of Thursday, January 20th.
Police Sergeant Alfred Longhi reported many accidents, including a five-car pile-up on Route 57 last Thursday morning. "One car slides, everybody goes too fast, and you know the rest of that story," Longhi said.

According to Longhi, the accidents requiring a police report were not serious—no injuries were

reported and no charges were filed.

Theresa Lecrenski of Five Star Transportation said a bus transporting a "handful of Junior High students" was involved in a minor accident last Thursday afternoon. No one was injured.

"Thankfully, that was the only accident," Mrs. Lecrenski said. "It was the worst week we have ever experienced. The drivers did a great job considering what they had to put up with.'

SEE ARCTIC EXPRESS - Page 2...

John Sarat, Sr. To Be Honored By Legion At March Party

John Sarat, Sr., who will be 90 years-old in August, will be honored by the Agawam American Legion Post 185 at a dinner in March.

Sarat, 89, will be a 50-year member of the American Legion and will receive a "Life Member-

ship" at the March 2nd dinner. Sarat served with the 548th ordinance unit in

World War II. He closed his Agawam garage and car dealership in the 1940's when called to serve his country. Upon his return, Sarat reopened his garage and car dealership, which is now known as Sarat Ford, one of the largest and oldest Ford dealerships in all of New England.

Sarat still works each day at the family business and is still called "boss". His son, Jack Jr., oversees the daily operation of the business with his sons, Jeff, Scott, and Christopher (when they are not in school).

Sarat has three daughters, Janet Knapp of Westfield, Joyce White of Maine, and Judy Quinlan of Southboro, Mass.

The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the American Legion or at Sarat Ford. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under).

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According to veteran driver Diane Musa, a Springfield motorist side-swiped the rear of her bus when he began to slide after attempting to stop in response to her yellow flashing lights on South Street at around 2:35 p.m. Mrs. Musa said, "I wasn't scared. I saw him

coming and I knew he was going to hit the side of the bus. I felt a little bounce, and the kids didn't even know what had happened.

After a 45-minute delay while accident reports were completed, Mrs. Musa finished dropping off the Junior High students and went on to complete her regularly scheduled runs at the Middle School and Robinson Park School

DPW Hampered By Frigid Temperatures
DPW Superintendent Jack Stone said his department's efforts to remove the packed ice became hampered by frigid temperatures that was coupled with a scarcity of road salt

necessary for sanding operations.

According to Stone, the town uses liquid calcium chloride in conjunction with salt and sand to lower the temperature at which the salt can begin to melt the ice. But, the combination is not effective until temperatures rise into the up-

per teens and lower 20's.
Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said he made the decision to close the schools on Tuesday, January 18th, based on information concerning the condition of the town's roads gathered from the Police Department and the DPW. He also consults with superintendents in neighboring towns.

Ryder said his office received many calls from parents who were upset with his decision to open school one hour late on Wednesday, January 19th, rather than close the schols.

In addition to concern over the hazardous road conditions, parents were upset that children were waiting outside in frigid weather for sometimes as long as 40 minutes because the buses were forc- SPORTSPLEX - from Page 1...

ed to travel their routes so slowly.
"I called the DPW at 5:05 a.m. and was told a one-hour delay would be enough time to get the roads and the parking lots sanded," Ryder said.

Although it was a difficult decision to make, in retrospect, Ryder said, "Under the same conditions, with the same information, I would make the same decision. The ice will be with us for some days, and I do not believe shutting down for the week would have been the right decision."

Ryder said parents who think road conditions are too hazardous may decide to keep their children home, and the absences will be excused.

More "Daylight" For The Earliest Bus Runs
Ryder said in addition to giving the DPW more
time to sand the streets, the one-hour delay
allows for more daylight for the earliest bus runs
and closes kindergarten and the Early Childhood
Conter (thereby acting the support shildren of Center (thereby getting the youngest children off the buses). This also provides working parents with a better solution to emergency childcare ar-

rangements than closing school for the day.

Ryder said he must consider the needs of working parents who would lose a day's pay if they were forced to remain home from work due to a lack of childcare.

Stone said the difficulty in obtaining road salt forced his department to limit their salting and sanding operations to main streets, hills, and intersections.

"Normally, we get our salt from Westfield, but the depot was depleted last week, and we have to rely on shipments from Hartford," Stone said.
This year, the DPW has already responded to

the same number of storms as they had by March of last year, leaving the overtime account for snow removal depleted. To date, the town has spent \$4,000 more than the \$52,000 appropriated to hire plowing contractors. Stone said he will be seeking the allocation of additional funds from the Mayor with the Town Council's approval.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We appreciate those who bring in their copy on either Friday or Monday. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thank-you.

A Revolving Fund Suggested Lacienski said a revolving fund should be set up by Town Council so that any money raised for the athletic complex would stay within the project,

rather than be added to the general fund.

With town crews supplying the labor, Johnson estimated the cost of putting in five or six athletic fields, two backstops, and a concession stand with bathroom facilities at \$50,000.

Johnson said work would not begin on the project until the spring of 1995 because the turf farm

still owns the right to harvest the 1994 turf crop.
Planning Director Deborah Dachos introduced
three students from the Conway School of Design who will be working on a plan for the proposed

Ms. Dachos said the students attended the meeting in order to gather ideas from the community to be incorporated into the plan they will submit to the town in June.

Bitzas proposed forming a Recreational Council to be composed of two representatives from each youth athletic association (as well as community members appointed by the Mayor) to begin organizing the project.

Ms. Dachos said her office would be sending out a survey to the associations to help determine present and future needs for athletic fields.

After the meeting, Bitzas said he sensed enthusiasm from each side. "I'm very happy with the result (of the meeting). Together we can make it happen.'

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of ROBERT J. POLVERARI, who is seeking a Special Robert in Execution in accordance with Section Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning ordinances, which would allow for the addition of four (4) video amusement machines at the premises identified as 1399 SUF-FIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals, Ronald A. Hebert Chairman

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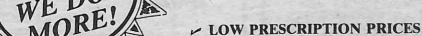
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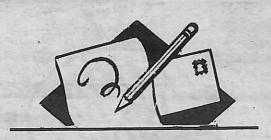
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Letters To The Editor

Clark School's Cafeteria Really Is Just Fine

To The Editor:

This letter is in response to the January 20th article regarding the cafeteria set-up at Clark School. My children no longer attend Clark School, but when they did, I was thankful that the lunchroom arrangement had all students facing forward, for safety purposes alone. Placing these bench-style tables face-to-face not only takes up more room and causes the cafeteria to be more congested, it also increases the possibility of pinched fingers and a choking child going unnoticed.
As far as the current arrangement discouraging

expressive language development and interfering with socialization skills, how can this be? If you visit Clark School during lunch periods, as I did (three lunches a day for four years), it will become quite evident to you that the students are quite expressive with both their verbal language and "body language" at lunch time.

As far as social skills are concerned, I think the teachers and the cafeteria staff at Clark are excellent at teaching children how to sit at a table and eat a meal in a fashion and style acceptable by civilized society. The lunch period is for that purpose only—eating lunch. Verbal expressions and developing social skills are done throughout

I've seen students enter and leave Clark School for a period of 10 years. I have yet to see one student in all those years who left Clark School not knowing how to express him or herself.

Parents, I would think that there are more important issues you could be addressing. Let Mr. Rovelli and his staff run their school—as they have in the past-for the emotional, educational, and healthy development of your children. There is much evidence out there proving they know

what they are doing.
Check the Honor Roll listings at the end of each school quarter. Clark School is greatly represented by its former students in all grade levels.

Joan Bitgood Former James Clark PTO President

Mid Winter Committee Thanks Town For Support

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Mid Winter Night Committee, we wish to thank all the participatnts in last year's very successful Mid Winter night: the performers, our sponsors, the many volunteers, and especially all of you who braved the chilly temperatures to attend.

Our purpose has always been to provide an enjoyable, family-oriented, and safe New Year's Eve for the Town. We sincerely hope that the over 800 persons who were there thoroughly enjoyed their evening, and that our purpose and our efforts have met with their approval.

We would be remiss if we did not mention those

sponsors whose generous contributions made the Mid Winter Night celebration possible:

The Forastiere family, Dolores Schneider, Tom and Sue Ennis, Westfield Savings Bank, the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Curran and Jones Inc., the Agawam Arts Council, Representative Michael P. Walsh, Senator Linda Melconian, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Congressman Richard E. Neal.

The committee comprised of Charles and Virginia Hoyl, Joanne Condon, Jeanne Hofmann, Jessie Fuller, and Betty Fogg worked extremely hard for many months in order to assure a magical evening, and they should be congratulated.

We have already begun preparation for this year's celebration, and we hope you will join with us next New Year's Eve in welcoming in 1995.

Very truly yours, Rosalie Walsh **Richard Mundo** Mid Winter Night Co-Coordinators

Stop & Shop Proves To Be Good Business Neighbors

On Tuesday, January 11th, 1994, we found out what "good neighbors" Super Stop & Shop proved to be.

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One call to the store manager, Amelia Miner, and our problem was solved. She agreed to let us use freezer space to store our ice cream until our freezer was fixed.

A special "thank you" also to Ed Antos in receiving for coordinating this effort for us.

Thank you, Stop & Shop, for helping us in our time of need.

Gratefully, Peterjons Gourmet Ice Cream

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 3, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Ag. Planning Board to amend Chapter 180, Article VII of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Business A District" with the following amendments:

Add to Section 180-44, Permitted Uses: Section 180-44H · Drive-In Restaurants and Drive-Thru Restaurants after a Special Permit by the Board of

LEGAL NOTICE

Appeals in conformance with Section 180-11. At no time shall less than 50 parking spaces be provided on site.

Add the following definitions to Section 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage: Restaurant, Drive-In and Drive-Thru - a restaurant which provides convenient vehicular access and may provide service to customers while in their vehicles.

Copies of these proposed amendments can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning & Community Development Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office in the Agawam Town Hall.

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Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano Smoke Is A Killer... Stay Low And Go!

Most people have a natural fear of fires and burns, but feel relatively safe in smoke. The Agawam Fire Department warns that smoke is the real killer in a fire. About eight in every 10 fire deaths are due to breathing poisonous smoke and gases. Some victims never even see the flames.

Since smoke is lighter than air, it rises. In a building, it will go to the ceiling first and then bank down. It will wind up stairs and down hallways. To prevent smoke inhalation, get low and go. Crawl to the nearest exit as quickly as possible. Once out, stay out.

Although you can't see it, smoke is filled with toxic gases. Plastics, in particular, give off a highly poisonous gas when burned. Since most homes have a large amount of plastic furnishings and most offices use many furnishings and machines made of plastic, these fires can be

deadly.
In addition, smoke contains carbon monoxide -a tasteless, odorless gas that causes confusion, reduced mental capacity, and eventually death. It is important to stay low to avoid breathing a large amount of these poisons.

It is also important to install and maintain smoke detectors to provide an early warning to fire and smoke. Exposure to smoke for even a few seconds or minutes can be fatal. Smoke detectors

give you the extra edge you need to escape safely.

Every family should have a home fire escape plan which includes the use of smoke detectors and a knowledge of stay low and go. Even young children can be taught to respond properly.

No matter where a fire is ... in a home ... a shop-

ping center ... a hotel ... an office ... a church ... or wherever, the response is the same: Get down on your hands and knees below the smoke and crawl

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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> Saturday, January 29th Children's program on "Animals In Winter" At Ag. Public Library 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 2nd Feeding Hills Women's Club Meeting & "show & tell" program about members' hobbies/collectibles At Grange Hall, N. West St., F.H. 7:30 p.m.

> Friday, February 4th Scholastic Book Fair (open to the general public) At Granger School, F.H. 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Admission is free Call 789-4949 for more info

Friday, February 4th "First Friday Series" presents program on painting pastel portraits (sponsored by Ag. Cultural Council) At Ag. Public Library Comm. Room 7:30 p.m

Program is free & open to the public; call 789-0994 for additional information

Monday, February 7th Agawam Lioness Club meeting & program (featuring speakers on blindness and eye research) At Storrowton Restaurant, W. Spfld. Reservations requested; call 786-9586



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Agawam's Bob Burke **Brings Training To Local Animal Control**

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Thanks to the efforts of Agawam Animal Control Officer Robert F. Burke, animal control of-

froi Officer Robert F. Burke, animal control officers in Western Massachusetts recently had an opportunity to attend training classes locally.

Co-sponsored by ACOAM (Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts) and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center in Agawam, the academy graduated 21 area animal control officers as well as officers from as for away as Cone Cod from a 12 week contification. far away as Cape Cod from a 12-week certification program on Thursday, January 20th.

Originator of the program, Burke said, "I felt a need for Western Massachusetts' officers to have

a chance to go to an academy."
Until now, all training courses had been held in Eastern Massachusetts, leaving many local officers unable to get the proper training to do their jobs safely and effectively.

More Than Dog Catching

Burke said, "Contrary to popular opinion, the job of animal control officer entails much more than merely going out to catch stray dogs. Of-ficers are often called on to respond to calls dealing with every single thing on four legs, as well as animals that slither and animals that fly (in the course of their work day).

Burke contacted Hal Etkins, director of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center, and Norma Haskins, president of ACOAM (head-quartered in Canton), to get the project off the

ground.

Working with Captain Thom White of the Boston Animal Rescue League, Ms. Haskins took over the responsibilities for organizing the curriculum for the course and scheduling the guest lecturers. Local as well as national experts served as instructors for the day-long sessions, that ran each week from October 7th through January 6th.

The course provided a comprehensive overview of topics covering all aspects of the laws pertaining to animals, behavior and handling of domestic and wild animals, crime scene investigation, self-



AGAWAM ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Bob Burke (right) and area animal control officers who graduated from a 12-week training program at the Western Mass. Criminal Justice Training Academy in Feeding Hills on January 20th.

defense, euthanasia, human relations, stress management, and disease in animals.

Director of the Hampden Country Regional Dog Control Program for seven years, Roberta M. Panuccio was among the students graduating from the course. "It was a wonderful program. The speakers were very professional and I really learned a lot. It was very beneficial to speak to other professionals in the field and find out how they are handling problems, especially with rabies."

Ms. Panuccio said the self-defense training was particularly important in giving law enforcement officers, a feeling of security, as well as elevating their level of confidence. We did, in fact, have two officers attacked last fall.'

Agawam A Model Town
Ms. Panuccio praised Burke for his work in organizing the training sessions and for his handling of the job of animal control in Agawam. "Of course, we'd like all cities and towns in the country to participate in the program, but Bob is doing a wonderful job. Agawam is one of the best models of a town that has decided to handle the problem on its own.'

Hired as the animal control officer in February 1988, Burke counts himself lucky to have been able to attend training in Needham after just one month on the job. "I don't know what it would be like to be on this job without training," Burke said. "It would be a complete disaster.

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Agawam Obituaries



REV. FRANK E. DUNN

Rev. Frank E. Dunn Was Civic Leader

The Reverend Frank E. Dunn, 92, of 1266 Enfield Street, Enfield, formerly of Feeding Hills, the founder of Valley Community Church, died in a Holyoke nursing home.

He established the church in 1968 and retired in

His first calling was in Hampstead, New Hampshire, followed by Andover. He came to the Springfield area in 1946, and headed the Springfield Area Council of Churches.

He was pastor of Feeding Hills Congregational Church from 1947 to 1961.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, he graduated from Mount Hermon School in Northfield in 1927. He also graduated from Boston University and the Harvard Divinity School in 1934.

He was secretary of the alumni at Mount Hermon School in 1935-1942, and received their Lamp-Lighter Award.

He founded the American Institute of Religion, an educational and informational organization for

He was a Town Meeting member in Agawam, and in 1955 chaired the Centennial Committee.

A gala 80th birthday and retirement party was held for Reverend Dunn in 1982 at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

His wife, Winifred E. Connolly, died in 1968. Pastor Dunn leaves three daughters - Judith Dunn of West Springfield, Bettyanne Cesan of North Truro, and Carolyn Mahalski of Enfield; a brother, Clifford J. of Bowling Green, Ohio; and nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, January 30th, at Valley Community Church, and burial, at the family's convenience, will be at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

There are no calling hours. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home is in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030

Aileen M. Abbey

Aileen M. (VanWyck) Abbey, 75, of 13 Broz Terrace, Feeding Hills, a 12-year clerk at the former Mars Department Store (which became King's Department Store), died in Noble Hospital in Westfield.

She retired in 1981.

Born and schooled in Pittsfield, she moved here in 1956. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Rosary Altar Society. Her husband, Wellington "Bill" Abbey, died last

She leaves two sons, Richard C. and Kevin F., of Springfield; a daughter, Sharon E. Griffin of Feeding Hills, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial next spring at St. Thomas's Cemetery in Huntington.



Catherine M. Fitzgerald

Catherine M. (Flaherty) Fitzgerald, 96, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died at home. Born in County Kerry, Ireland, she lived in Spr-

ingfield most of her life, and was a communicant

of Holy Name Church.

Her husband, Maurice Fitzgerald, died in 1960.

She leaves a son, attorney John M. Fitzgerald of West Springfield; a daughter, Eleanor F. Quigley of Springfield; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Hafey Springfield Chapels and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01040.

Daniel J. Shoemaker

Daniel J. Shoemaker, 89, of 370 Pine Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 15-year painter for Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. of Windsor Locks, Connecticut died in a local pursing home. ticut, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1969. He also ran a tobacco farm

for many years at his home.

He was born in the Tariffville section of Simsbury, Connecticut, and lived most of his life in Windsor Locks and Southwick before moving to

Feeding Hills many years ago.

He leaves a son, Daniel J. Jr. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Dolores A. Shoemaker; a brother, Richard I. of Windsor Locks; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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Democrats To Caucus In Agawam Feb. 12th

Registered Democrats in Agawam will be holding a caucus on Saturday, February 12th, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. to elect delegates to the 1994

Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Agawam will be electing 14 delegates and four alternates (equally divided between men and women) to send to the Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President, for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Thomas J. Ennis, Jr. will call the caucus at the Faolin Peirce Community Room of the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register, and media representatives.

The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in Agawam as of December 31st, 1993. There will be no absentee or proxy

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and giving his/her written consent to be nominated, and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be

For further information, contact Tommy Ennis at 786-9402.

BURKE - from Page 5...

"People who regard 'dog catchers' as uneducated people doing a poorly paid job are wrong. You need a professional person, otherwise, you end up with disasters," Burke said.

Professional training is essential because on the job experience cannot adequately prepare of-ficers for the situations they will face in the field. "If you've had the training, your unconscious will kick in," Burke said, noting his training proved invaluable when he was called on to deal with the first recorded case of a rabid raccoon in Hampden

County last spring.

Burke said the human relations training is also critical in his job. "It's called animal control, but it's 80 percent dealing with people. People are the cause of problem animals."



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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Angel Dust

by Detective Wayne Macey **Agawam Police Department**

First developed in the early 1950's as an animal anesthetic or tranquilizer, PCP was soon after appropriated for human medical use. Chemically known as phencyclidine, PCP was discovered to be effective enough as an anesthetic; however, post-operative patients were found to exhibit symptoms of agitation, delirium, and disorienta-

As Dr. Herbert Meltzer (a prominent Cleveland psychiatrist) once explained, "When patients come out from under PCP, many were close to being psychotic." As a direct result of these negative experiences, the use of phencyclidine as

a human anesthetic was discontinued.
PCP once again surfaced in the mid 1970's. Manufactured in clandestine, underground labs, it was marketed to the younger crowd as "Angel Dust," a low-priced hallucinogen. Available in a variety of different forms such as tablet, crystal, and powder (cannabinol), Angel Dust became a popular pastime among users of illegal street

One reason for its popularity was the variety of ways in which it could be ingested. Depending on the desired effect, Angel Dust could be smoked, snorted, injected, or taken orally. The effects vary greatly and seem to depend on previous user experience as well as method of ingestion.

It is impossible to predict behavior patterns of PCP users. In addition to being a hallucinogen, feelings of stimulation, depression, and exhilaration have also been experienced. The very real

possibility of a "bad trip" exists each and every time the drug is used.

The main areas of use in the United States are for the most part confined to the larger cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans. Sources of supply seem to be centered in the Los Angeles, southern California area (although clandestine labs have more recently appeared in rural Virginia and Maryland).

Out of a total of 545 labs seized in 1986, eight were involved in the primary production of PCP. Although use of the drug declined in 1985, an increase was experienced in 1986. Deaths as a result of overdose increased, as well as emergency room admissions.

In 1983, hospitals reported 5,067 PCP-related admissions. In 1985, admissions declined to 4,259, rising once again in 1986 to 4,695 cases. The retail price for PCP averages somewhere between \$10 and \$15 for a single 100MG dose (at about five-percent purity). Price per ounce has dropped from \$1,200 in 1985 to \$1,000 at present, reflecting a slight increase in the availability of the drug.

The unpredictable behavior under its influence, combined with the very real possibility of over-dose, help to make PCP or "Angel Dust" the best advertisement against itself. Toxic overdose episodes in abusers produce signs and symptoms that are both bizarre and life-threatening

Given all these possibilities, the risk of even experimental use could be devastating.

IRS Has Recorded Tax Information Phone No.

The IRS's recorded tax information phone line, Tele-Tax, has several subjects you can listen to for details on itemized deductions.

Call the local number for your area listed in your tax forms package (if it is not a long distance call for you), or call 1-800-829-4477, and request any of

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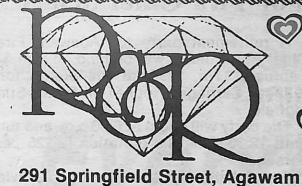
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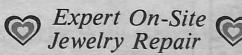
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AMELIA RIVERS (far left), a resident of The Suffield House, One Canal Road, Suffield, recently celebrated her 103rd birthday. IN PHOTO RIGHT, five generations of attend the birthday celebration: Christine Kubik, little Brandon Kubik, Althea Cowles, Jackquelyn Fenton, and the birthday girl herself, Amelia (seated). Left photo by Advertiser News photographer Joan Lussier.

Former Town Resident Amelia Rivers Honored For 103rd Birthday

Suffield: On Saturday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m., Amelia Rivers, a resident of The Suffield House, One Canal Rd., Suffield, CT, celebrated her 103rd birthday at a reception at The Suffield House.

Her nine children, ages 66-80, all living, including one set of twins, gave testimony to her

Her family states, "Religion, family, cooperation and unity, and home-cooked nutrition were

very important to her." Mrs. Rivers was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on January 15th, 1891 and resided in Agawam until moving to Suffield in July 1991.

Volunteers Sought At Heritage Hall

A volunteer is needed to assist with activities every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Agawam.

Hours are flexible. Assignments will include gathering residents and assisting with bowling and other planned events. Great internship oppor-tunity for college students or a nice change of pace for moms and retirees.

Contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000 for more information.

In addition, Heritage Hall is looking for a nursing volunteer; specifically, a rehab unit volunteer who'll work in the short-term care wing, providing companionship, nail care, mail delivery, and other friendly errands for patients.
Interested volunteers may contact Brenda Marsian at 786-8000.



'Sweetheart Breakfast' Slated For Feb. 12th At Agawam Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a "Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast" on February 12th at American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street.

Servings will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donation is \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children. Pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee or hot chocolate will be served.

Proceeds to benefit children and youth projects. Tickets can be bought at the door or bar, and also from some members.

Retirement Party Set For Fire Chief Jenks

A retirement party for Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks will be held on Friday. February 11th, 1994, at the Storrowton Village Carriage House in West Springfield.

The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 12:30 a.m. The donation is \$25 per

For tickets, contact Fire Chief David Pisano at the Agawam Fire Department, 786-2662.

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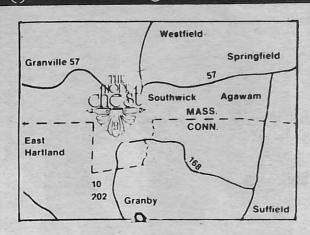
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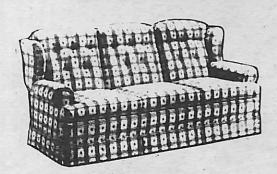
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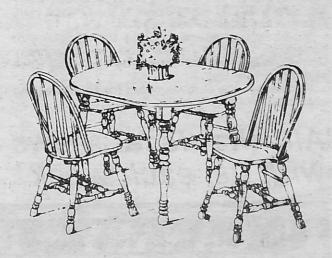
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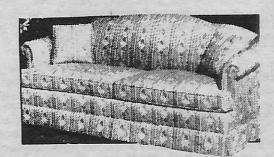
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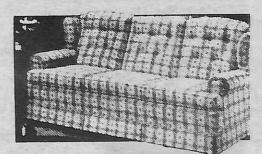
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Grange Plans To Return To Regular Schedule In February

With almost everything cancelled in January due to weather conditions, the Grange will try to pick up the pieces in February.

Starting Tuesday, February 1st, the program will consider "New Year Hopes" of the members. This is dues-paying time, and the new Annual Word will be given to paid-up members.

Some special February holidays noted by the Literary Committee (Priscilla Magagnoli, acting chairman) will present "Love and Honorable Mention." Were you born in February? Zoafia Demko and Naida King will host this meeting.

At the next meeting, February 15th, the First and Second Degrees are scheduled. Applications for membership are needed by February 1st; see any members.

This is the Grange's annual Game Night, directed by Roberta Cesan. Priscilla Magagnoli and Gertrude Nilson will host this meeting.

Card parties held regularly on the first and third Thursdays (February 3rd and 17th) will be hosted by Joan Comee, Miriam Caldwell, and Richard Bellico. The public is invited to play progressive whist or any card game of one's choice.

Grocery prizes and free refreshments complete the evening.

Others using the Grange Home in February will be the Junior Grange on Monday the 28th at 6:30 p.m. The members will conduct a regular meeting and work on crafts. Children from five to 14 years

of age are welcome to join.

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will meet
Wednesday the 2nd, and the Hampden County Beekeepers on Thursday the 10th.

Ice Cream, Valentines, And Special Treats To **Benefit Easter Seals**

Children's Valentine cards that deliver five ice cream cones, plus a \$1 donation to Easter Seals, have been sent all over Massachusetts this month. They're available for \$1 at Friendly Restaurants until February 14th.

The Adult Coupon Booklet will also be available at Friendly Restaurants. Each coupon booklet has a minimum value of \$7.45. The coupons are it a free Original Sundae; a free Original Sundae with purchase of any SuperMelt sandwich; and a free Belgian Waffle with the purchase of a Sunrise Sensation Breakfast of equal or greater value. The booklet coupons Mercedeemable at various times in February and March.

In addition to a Valentine message from Scoopy, Fribby the Frog, or one of the characters, each sheet of cards contains a certificate for five free kid ice cream cones. The cone coupons are redeemable at Friendly Restaurants from February 15th through March 15th. The \$1 purchase price of the children's Valentine card or Adult Coupon Booklet goes straight to Easter Seal programs and services for people with disabilities disabilities.

This is the 13th year of Friendly's "Cones For Kids" program. The Adult Coupon Booklet is again offered, as well as the children Valentine characters Scoopy, Dan D. Lion, Fribby the Frog, Al La Mode, Sprinkles, and Pistachio Pete.

Last year's "Cones For Kids" contributed

FOI KIUS contributed \$268,000 to Easter Seal services for Massachusetts adults and children with disabilities. Services include Home Health Care, physical, occupational and speech therapy, equipment loan, summer residential camp, therapeutic swim programs, independence through technology, and information and referral.

ADVERTISER NEWS





PARTICIPANTS ATTEMPT TO CROSS the "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" at this year's Yukon Derby.

Annual Yukon Derby Frosty Success For **Local Cub Scouts**

Once again, this year's winter Cub Scout extravaganza—the Yukon Derby—was awesome. Hundreds of Cub Scouts and leaders came out (bundled up tighter than spandex) to compete in the Derby, which was held all day on January 15th

at the Springfield Turnverein.

Events included the hockey shoot (in which many future NHL prospects showed up), and the snowball throw in which participants were asked to hit targets instead of people.

Cubs were also asked to try their hand at

snowshoe walking, dogsled pulling, and football dribbling. Other events were the rope throw, the bridge over troubled waters (or ice), and the hot stuff shuffle.

Boy Scouts from local Troop 78 ran these respective events while many of their mothers and fathers provided hot chocolate and soup to help defrost those frozen toes. Explorers also roamed the grounds, helping to keep the peace and deter the penguins and polar bears.

Despite the cold, this year's derby was a great

success, and everyone involved hopes to see all of you again next year!

F. Hills Women's Club To Meet February 2nd

The February meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday even-

ing, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Members are asked to bring their hobbies or collectibles for a "show and tell" program. Refreshments will be served by Florence Blish and her committee.

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Weekly Lunch Menu Ag. Senior Center's Chinese Night Enjoyed At Heritage Hall

Tuesday, February 1st: Birthdays: vegetables, banana. a-la-king on a bisquit, rice, mixed Monday, January 31st: Chicken

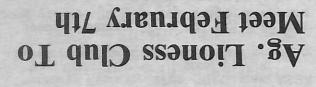
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tion of the Blind, and Donald Clark from Massa-Susan Myers from the Massachusetts Associa-The guest speakers for the evening will be meeting on Monday, February 7th, at the Storrowton Restaurant in West Springfield. The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its monthly

Doyle at 786-9586. meeting, please make reservations by calling Lil If anyone is interested in attending this chusetts Eye Research.



14th. The evening included a Chinese dinner with all the trimmings. Advertiser News photo by Jack RESIDENTS OF HERITAGE HALL South Building enjoyed a Chinese Night on January

To Visit Phelps Agawam Librarian

In addition to the entertainment, there will be a "Make Your Own Sundae" bar. A \$1 donation per On Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m., Jeanne Hoffman from the Agawam Public Library will be at Phelps School for a storytime.

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Wenzell, an apprentice electrician, is the son of Deborah F. Wenzell of 18 Karen Drive, Agawam, and Stephen E. Wenzell of New Milford, Connections Mew York.

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Ag. Senior Center's February Calendar

Tuesday, February 1st: 9:00 a.m. SHINE (Serving Health Info. Needs of Elders). By appointment. Tuesday, February 1st: 11:30 a.m. January and February birthdays will be celebrated. By reserva-

Tuesday, February 1st: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check (A-L).

Wednesday, February 2nd: 9:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Free tax assitance. By appointment.

Friday, February 4th: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening. By appointment.

Friday, February 4th: 12:30 program. "The Mystery of Getting Close" by Ken Alexander.

Monday, February 7th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Refreshments for sale.

Wednesday, February 9th: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance. By appointment.

Thursday, February 10th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry, with Dr. Salem. By appointment. Friday, February 11th: 12:00 noon. Special

Valentine Celebration Dinner. By reservation. Monday, February 14th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Refreshments for sale. Tuesday, February 15th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE. By ap-

pointment. Tuesday, February 15th: 12:30 program. Seminar includes Medicaid requirements and

Tuesday, February 15th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check

Wednesday, February 16th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Dickert

Wednesday, February 16th: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance.

Thursday, February 17th: 10:00 a.m. ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) meeting.

Monday, February 21st: Presidents' Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, February 22nd: 2:00 p.m. Free legal consultation, with Atty. Teryl Deegan by appoint-

Wednesday, February 23rd: 9:00 a.m. Free tax assistance. By appointment.

Thursday, February 24th: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commodity distribution.

Friday, February 25th: 12:30 p.m. A special presentation of dancing by the High Performance Dance Studio.

Monday, February 26th: 1:30 p.m. Agawam Chapter of AARP meeting. All non-members are invited to attend to register for membership.

Unusual 12:30 Progam!!!:

On Friday, February 4th, a very unusual program has been conjured by Ken Alexander called "The Mystery of Getting Close."

Ken wants to know "How good are you at seeing the truth?" Mark your calendar for this fun program ... it will surprise you!!!

February 15th 12:30 Program:

On Tuesday February 15th another informative

On Tuesday, February 15th, another informative seminar is scheduled concerning federal estate tax liabilities, financial implications of Medicaid, and more. There will be time for questions and answers.

The seminar will be presented by our own David Keery, who has recently graduated from college and is on his way up the ladder of success with John Hancock Ins. Co. He will be assisted by John Rowland in the presentation.

Please mark your calendar and consider making a reservation for lunch (a nice way to spend an afternoon).

Hope to see you on Tuesday, February 15th. Lunch is available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For more information, call 786-0400, extension

Valentine Celebration!:

Reservations are now open for our Valentine Day Celebration. An exciting menu has been planned by the kitchen "experts" which goes as follows: roast beef, baked potato, butternut

squash, snowflake rolls, and cherry cupcake.
Our entertainers for the occasion will be the "Keyboard Tunes," better known to us as Freda and Jim, who never fail to fill the dining room with their talented fingers on the keyboard.

Don't be left out this time—reservations always fill up real fast for these special celebrations. Call 786-0400, extension 242.

Special Program Rescheduled From January To Tuesday, March 29:

A very special program is on tap designed especially for our senior citizens, no matter what age. "Protecting Yourself Against Crime" will be both informative and constructive, and may save your life and possessions.

Reservations are not necessary; just mark your calendar so as not to miss a very valuable program which is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

See you then!!!

Free Income Tax Service: Free income tax service for older taxpayers will once more be available in all senior centers in Hampshire County from February 2nd through April 13th (on Wednesdays for the Agawam Senior Center).

This service, sponsored by the AARP in conjunction with the IRS and the Dept. of Revenue, is designed to aid taxpayers' complete the forms and take advantage of any special provisions which will assist senior citizens. Taxpayers are asked to call the Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242, to make an appointment.

Things to bring: last year's tax returns and all information received this year concerning income (such as wages, pensions, interest, dividends, capital gains, and sale of residence).

Free Organ Lessons For Beginners: Free organ lessons for the beginner are again available to senior citizens. If you are interested, please call the activities department for more in-

Pvt. Dennis Molloy **Completes Basic**

Army Reserve Pvt. Dennis J. Molloy Jr. has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Molloy is the son of Dennis J. and Jeanne R. Molloy of 15 Tom Street, Feeding Hills.

Sgt. Barker Serving In Persian Gulf

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Frank G. Barker is serving with the coalition forces in the Persian Gulf Region in support of Desert Storm Southern Watch and Cease Fire.

The goal of the coalition forces is to enforce the

no-fly zone in support of United Nations resolutions against Iraq.

Barker, an aircraft structural maintenance technician, is the son of Charles B. and Frances E. Barker of 22 Dodos Drive, Feeding Hills.

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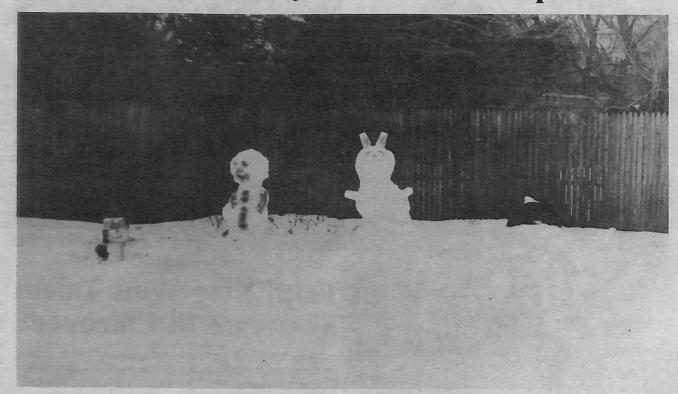
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Ice Sculptures By Girl Scout Troop 552



GIRL SCOUTS IN TROOP 552 displayed their artistic skills with ice recently at 15 Editha Avenue, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Scholarship Dinner Dance On February 5th To Benefit Expo Area Alumni Fund

The annual winter dinner dance of the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund will be held Saturday, February 5th, at the Dante Club on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

An all-you-can-eat dinner, including roast beef, chicken, potatoes, ziti broccoli, salad, dessert, and coffee, will be served at 7:00 p.m. Following dinner, there will be dancing past midnight to music provided by one of the area's top disc jockeys. There also will be a drawing for prizes donated to the scholarship fund.

The public is encouraged to attent the dinner dance, which is one of two annual events sponsored by the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund Committee to benefit college and college-bound students in the area. The committee has awarded more than \$225,000 in financial assistance to deserving students since its inception more than 30 years ago.

Dinner dance tickets, for a donation of \$15 each, are available from scholarship committee members or by calling 746-1239.

Golden Age Clubs' February Calendar

February 2nd: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest, Mr. Richard Garvey of the Spfld. Newspapers. He will speak on "An Outsider Looks at Agawam."

February 4th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

February 9th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest Ms. Gail Noe, a representative from "SHINE." She will speak on Medicare, health insurance, etc.

February 16th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest Mr. David Skolnick, who will give us "Easy Techniques to Defend Yourself."

February 23rd: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

February 25th: Chapter 1 - Trip to "La Renaissance" to enjoy a dinner and entertainment.

February 25th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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MR. & MRS. JOHN F. CALDWELL

Diane E. Ruby Weds John F. Caldwell

Agawam Congregational Church in Agawam, MA, was the setting for the candlelight wedding ceremony of Diane E. Ruby and John F. Caldwell on November 20th, 1993

on November 20th, 1993.
Reverend Curt Fuller officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, MA.

The bride is the daughter of Victor and Lois Ruby of Agawam. She is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She is a pediatric speech-language pathologist for Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, CT.

The bridegroom is the son of J. Edward and Eileen Caldwell of Bridgeport, CT. He is a graduate of St. Joseph High School and Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. He is a real estate appraiser for White Oak Appraisal Service

in Rocky Hill, CT.
Tami Ferraido served the bride as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Andrea Tebaldi, Kara O'Connell, Lois (Carra) Shaughnessy, Leah Negrucci, and Nancy Williams. Eileen Condon, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

Bob Caldwell served his brother as best man.
Ushers were Joe Vetrano, Matt Hyland, Kevin
Ruby, Rick Beaudoin, and Paul Gruchaz. Matthew
Ruby, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.
The couple resides in Glastonbury, CT.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT YOUNG

Karla Mancini Bride Of Robert Young

The recent wedding of Karla Mancini and Robert Young was held on Friday, December 3rd, 1993, at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. A reception followed at the Yankee Pedlar Inn.

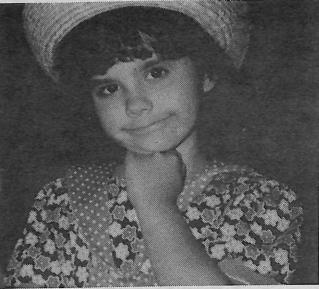
reception followed at the Yankee Pedlar Inn.
The parents of the bride are Mr. & Mrs. Aldo Mancini, Sr. of 58 Royal Street in Agawam. The parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. William Young of 14 Porter Road in East Longmeadow.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Joann Spear. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Francine Mancini Cancedda (sister of the bride), Mrs. Tammy Scott, Mrs. Anne Marie Tetrault, and Mrs. Annette Duda. Flower girl was Nicole Welch.

Serving the groom as bestman was his brother, David Young. The groomsmen were Kurt Schuhlen, Keith Schuhlen, Glenn Geddis, and Mike Fillion. The junior usher was Eric Mancini.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Framingham State College in 1989, and recently completed her M.Ed. from Springfield College in December of 1992. Karla is currently employed at Holyoke Community College as the Student Activities Coordinator.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of East Longmeadow High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Springfield College in 1985. Robert is currently employed at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company as a Senior Project Manager.



FAITH KING

Faith King Wins Talent Showcase In Chicopee

Faith King of Feeding Hills was in a talent competition on January 22nd at the Parwick Center in Chicopee. It was the Talent Showcase presented by America's Cover Miss.

Faith won overall in her age group for singing "Achy Breaky Heart." She is six years-old and attends kindergarten at Granger School.

Last summer, Faith was titled Pioneer Valley Talent Champion at the Westfield fair for singing. She has won numerous trophies and ribbons; her hopes and dreams are to be a singer when she grows up.

In March, she will be going to the state finals in Framingham. We wish you the best of luck, Faith!

CBS Show On Girl Postponed To Feb.

by Peggy Shoemaker Advertiser News Feature Writer

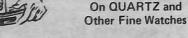
The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) has put on hold an interview for the news show "Eye to Eye," featuring Connie Chung and a local couple, Paul and Theresa Couture.

The show that describes the couple's threeyear struggle with the health of their daughter, Brianna (as well as their conflicts with the medical and health insurance companies), was scheduled to be aired on January 13th. The couple was advised that if there were satellite problems, the show would be on TV on January 20th; it was not aired

The Coutures said that Michael Silverman, the show's producer, telephoned them exclaiming, "Welcome to the networks!" It seems a number of shows were postponed due to the extensive coverage given the California earthquake and the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan stories. They have been playing "catch-up" since.

The Coutures were advised that their alreadyfilmed interview concerning their three year-old daughter (who has had Mitochondrial since birth) will be aired in February. The date is to be announced.





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Church News

Chicken Supper At Valley Community



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMBERS Helen Anderson and Dorothy Wells were on the serving line for the January 15th chicken pie supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Congregational Slates Chicken Dinner

The Merriweds of Agawam Congregational Church are serving a boneless breast of chicken dinner on Thursday, February 17th.

The menu is as follows: breast of chicken, carrots, cranberry sauce, baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and homemade cake for dessert. There will be one sitting at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. For reservations, call Alice Orr at 786-7114. (Reservations close February 14th, 1994.)

Fingerprinting Prog. At Sacred Heart Parish

On Saturday, January 29th, a fingerprinting program will be offered to all children at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The Agawam Police Explorer Troop will be at the center starting at 12:15 p.m. The Sacred Heart Family Group will be handling

the appointments. Appointments are required. For an appointment between 12:15 and 2:00 p.m., call Beth O'Neill at 786-0158; for a later appointment, call Alma Benton at 786-9835.



HANDLING SOME OF THE KITCHEN DUTIES at the January 15th chicken supper at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills were Mark Dintzner and C. Steadman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE DESSERT GALS at Valley Community Church on January 15th included Marjorie Lang (left) and Linda Orr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Valley Community's January Calendar

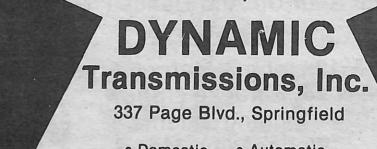
Sunday, January 30th: Sunday Worship & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey, visiting minister.

Sunday, January 30th: Pot Luck Luncheon following Sunday Worship.

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Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its 3*2*1*KON-TACT (kindergarten through third grade) will meet on Saturday, January 29th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to have fun in the snow and be creative with snow

Come join the fun!

At its Sunday, January 30th worship service at 10:30 a.m., the Agawam Congregational Church will have visitors from Star Island. Star Island is a UCC Conference Center located 12 miles offshore from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The eight visitors will enlighten those in attendance on the various events, activities, and functions of this all-ages UCC camp.

The church's new member classes continue on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 7:35 p.m. All are welcome to attend these informative sessions about the mission and ministries of the church.

The series "Our Sexuality-God's Good Gift" (for seventh through ninth graders) continues on the following Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.-February 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Rev. Fuller and Corinne Colman, Youth Director, will be leading this series.

Come sail with the Agawam Congregational Church at its February Vacation Bible Camp, "Pirates For Christ," on Friday, February 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Children ages two through the fifth grade are welcome to attend. Call the church office at 786-7111 to register; cost is \$2 per child, or \$5 for a family of three or more children.

Check our classified pages every week Dages every week Just \$10 for 30 words The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church, Pine Street, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament on

Vacation Bible Camp Craft Committee Meets



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Vacation Bible Camp Craft Committee met on January 20th to discuss plans for the upcoming event at the church. From left - Helene Gates, Lisa Buiso, and Susan Tapply. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Noctural Adoration Society To Meet In West Springfield February 4th

Friday, February 4th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Feb. 11: Dooley Austin (Great Sounds)

Feb. 18: Doug & Pauline "From VT."

Feb. 25: Shut Up And Dance ("Great")

Saturdays

Feb. 5 & 19: John & Harry ("Again")

Feb. 12 & 26: Karaoke ("Show

Your Singing Talents")

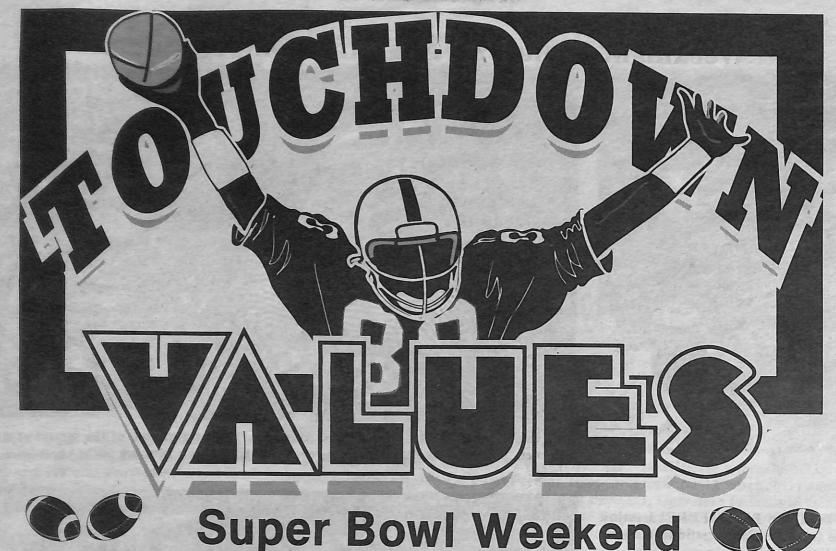
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Weeknight Dinner At Agawam Congregational



BOB STRNISTE and PEG MERRELL enjoy dinner at the Agawam Congregational Church on January 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Activities At F.H. **Congregational Church**

The Rev. Raymond H. Korndorfer's sermon will be "Rebels With a Cause" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, January 30th, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The Ladies Benevolent Society will hold its annual Blanket Collection on Sunday, February 6th. A donation of \$5 will purchase a blanket, which are greatly needed throughout the world and are distributed by Church World Service. "Blanket the World With Love.

The Junior Choir will rehearse immediately following the church service. They will be singing on Sunday, February 13th.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nursery service is available, and visitors and friends are cordially invited.

Guess Who's

And Older Than Dirt?



Carol (Stetson) Pignatare Happy Birthday, Sis!



PRISCILLA PETERSON (left) and Mary Jane Stuart were two of the servers at a roast beef dinner sponsored by Agawam Congregational Church on January 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack



THE KITCHEN CREW for the Agawam Congregational Church dinner on January 20th included, from left - Carol Allen, Clint Warren, Arthur Fuchs, and Matt Blackak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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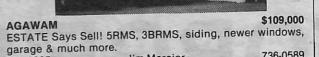
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Operation Friendship Dinner at F.H. Congo



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP MEMBERS Jen Magano (top) and Shelley Rose (below) manned the dessert table at the benefit roast beef dinner on January 22nd at F.H. Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF OPERATION FRIENDSHIP, the international summer youth exchange program, sponsored at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, held another benefit roast beef supper on January 22nd. IN TOP PHOTO, Operation Friendship members working in the kitchen included Todd Zern, Diane Parslow, Jesse Mueller, and Deb Parslow. IN PHOTO BELOW, Robert A. Gilmore and Melba H. Corliss are about to enjoy their salads. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





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Church Women United To Meet At 1st Baptist

"Changing Women-Changing World" is the theme for Church Women United's annual meeting, being held on Friday, January 28th at First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Women throughout the Springfield Unit will be

gathering to ponder this theme through Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., led by Reverend Harold Martin, Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church. At 10:00 a.m., worship will be held and bell ringers of Agawam Congregational Church will ring for your

Installation of officers will be performed and the message "Changing Women-Changing World" will be given by Jennifer Cashman, a senior at Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts and presently a member of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cashman received her bachelor of science degree in speech from Emerson College in Boston, and master of science in education from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York.

This past summer, Mrs. Cashman served her chaplaincy internship at St. Elizabeth Hosptial in Brighton, Massachusetts. She is currently doing field education as a legislative advocate for the homeless for Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries in Newton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Cashman lives on High Street in Agawam with her husband, Gerald, and their daughter, Brooke Allison. She is the granddaughter of a minister and has had a long standing call to the ministry.

When she wanted to enter the seminary in 1968, her family and friends dissuaded her because she was a woman and they lovingly guided her into a teaching position. The call became more intense and in the fall of 1991, Mrs. Cashman began the seminary as a full-time student, commuting between Newton and Agawam, and at the age of 46, adjusting to a mid-week dormitory life.

Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. The price will be \$4. Call Dorothy Thorpe for reservations at 786-8570 by January 24th.

The emphasis will be layette gifts for Horizon House and will be received at this time. Horizon House is a program of service providers for young mothers 16 to 24 years of age, and their children. The programs and staff of Horizon House seek to help young families stabilize their lives by relocating, and by also addressing the issues that caused their homelessness and issues that may

threaten future housing problems.
Young mothers are given gifts of new layettes for their newborn babies. Items to bring include blankets, undershirts, nightgowns, diapers, diaper pins, receiving blankets, washcloths, booties, bonnets, and sweaters.

Also received is the offering of the least coin, one penny, and a prayer-powerful tools to change women and change the world. Come, see, and act, sisters, together to improve the world for good developments in a positive changing world.

Puppet Program Slated For Bethany Church

The Life Action Puppets will be appearing at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Saturday, January 29th, at 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 30th, at 9:00 a.m. and

This professional puppet team, directed by Jim and Sharon Lovenduski of Burlington, New Jersey, has performed for over one-half million people throughout the United States and in foreign countries. Using their large, TV-style puppets, they have also performed on Philadelphia-

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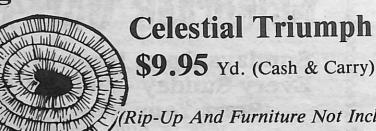
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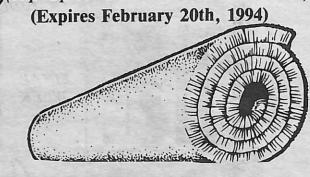
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John McCormick of the Springfield, Massachusetts branch received recognition as one of the top five producing loan officers in New England. In addition, he received special "Platinum Club" recognition, an award given to the top 10% of Commonwealth United's loan officers nationwide.

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OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST TIM DAGGETT from West Springfield, owner of Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam, gave a motivational address to top loan officers from Commonwealth United Mortgage. Commonwealth has a loan branch in Springfield and is headquartered in Houston. From left - Tim Daggett, John McCormick of the Springfield office, and Phil Turkus, national sales manager.

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However, even if you're totally or partially ineligible to make deductible contributions, you can still make nondeductible investments each year of up to \$2,000, minus any deductible contributions. Both spouses can contribute if they both qualify, and a married person can contribute up to

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 You can put your money into any type of investment you want with some limits (no collectibles, etc.).

Money can be contributed for the current tax year right up until the time you file your return (this would be April 15th, 1994, for the 1993 tax

Remember, though, that money taken out of an IRA account before you reach age 591/2 will mean a 10% percent penalty, and you must start withdrawals by age 701/2

Business partners, sole proprietors, owners of corporations, and anyone who has any selfemployment income also have the option of setting up a SEP. Similar to an IRA, SEPs mean a lot of flexibility in the timing of contributions. Accounts can be opened, and contributions made to them, until the tax due date.

For sole proprietors, business net earnings (subject to certain adjustments) are used as the basis for calculating SEP contributions. Self-employed persons, therefore, don't have to incorporate and pay themselves a salary to be able to deduct up to \$30,000 for a SEP contribution.

If you're considering setting up an IRA or a SEP, talk first to your accountant, tax preparer, or financial planner. These professionals know all the rules covering these accounts, and they can help you avoid the pitfalls. They also can ensure that any investments you make fit in with your overall financial goals.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.



by John Schuler realtor



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A Smooth Move

Moving to a new house can be an exciting opportunity for you and your family as you anticipate unknown communities waiting to be discovered, new friendships, and perhaps even a job promotion. The best way to assure a "smooth move" is to carefully prepare for it.

With attention to detail, a lot of the stress of relocating can be eliminated, allowing you and your family to enjoy your moving adventure. The following information may be the answers to many of the questions you have regarding moving and how you can be on your way to a happy mov-

ing experience.
After the decision to relocate has been made, begin by telling all family members of the upcoming move. Discuss the reasons for the move and answer all questions openly and honestly. The support of your family will be invaluable.

Be enthusiastic as you provide your children with information about the new house and neighborhood, the schools, parks, etc. This will alleviate many of their fears and give them a feeling of anticipation for the move. Get everyone in-

volved in planning the move.

The question of when to move can only be answered after considering several factors. It may depend upon the sale of your house or the completion of other major commitments (such as financing and job circumstances) which will dictate an exact moving date.

When planning your move, keep in mind, that the summer months are usually the busiest for professional moving companies. Scheduling your move during the off-season could mean more attention will be given to your individual needs and time requirements.

Don't automatically rule out moving during the school year—a mid-year move may be an advantage to your children as they meet new friends and adapt to a new neighborhood while school is

Now that you have made the decision to move, should you move yourself or hire a professional moving company? Moving yourself is likely the least expensive way to go; however, be prepared to invest a lot of time, energy, and patience when taking on this project.

If you decide to hire a professional moving company, start by contacting several reputable companies. Ask about their rates, available service, and extra charges for special handling. Get estimates based on the approximate weight of your belongings and the distance you will be traveling.

Inquire about insurance coverage protecting your belongings against damages and losses. Find out how claims are processed. Ask them for references and check them to determine the company's record for customer satisfaction.

How long it takes to make the actual move depends on whether you pack and move yourself, do the packing yourself and hire a professional moving company to do the moving, or simply let the movers do it all. In any case, the sooner you get started, the better.

Self-packing can take several weeks, depending on your available time and the amount of goods. On the other hand, a professional moving company can complete the task of packing and moving in a matter of days.

However, it is to your advantage to contact the moving company as early as possible to schedule your move. Even if the company is handling the packing, there are many other details for you to coordinate.

If you are moving soon, take the time now to organize your plan of action, sketch out your plan, and you will experience a "smooth move."

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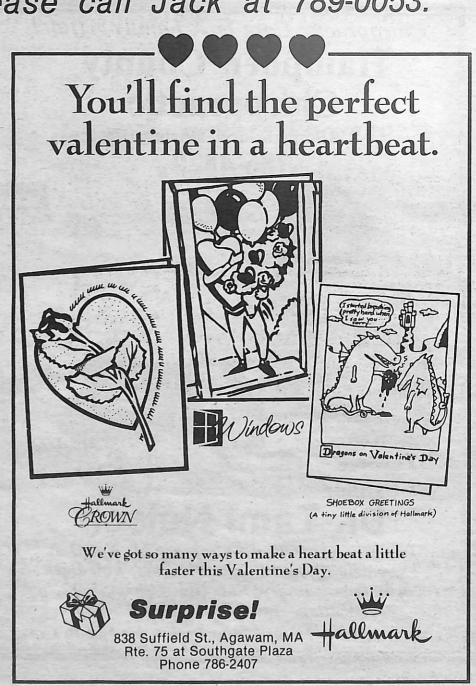
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Pet Store Opens



PARADE OF PETS has opened in Feeding Hills Center on Southwick Street. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Council President James D. Taylor cut the ribbon on January 21st. Store owners are Dawn and Carol A. Whalley (next to the Mayor). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Forastiere Family Funeral Homes Honored For Outstanding Care By Golden Rule Order

Forastiere Family Funeral Homes are moving into their 10th year of recognition by the International Order of the Golden Rule (IOGR), the trade

association recently announced.

IOGR is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1928 to identify outstanding funeral firms. The underlying principle of IOGR is responding to the personal funeral service needs of families everywhere. The purpose is to encourage a familyoriented approach to funeral assistance.

More than 1,400 respected funeral homes span-

ning the United States, Canada, and abroad are members of the association. Members base professional service on the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

In order to be a member of the Golden Rule, Forastiere Family Funeral Homes had to receive community recommendations, pass strict professional standards of service, and earn 100-percent approval by IOGR's Board of Directors.

of the Golden Rule show a strong commitment to earning trust. From a Golden Rule funeral home, expect conscientious help before, during, and after a time of need.

"Forastiere Family Funeral Homes have demonstrated the Golden Rule philosophy in every way they have served their communities, IOGR Executive Director Dale L. Rollings said. "Forastiere Family Funeral Homes is a truly outstanding firm, and we are proud to have them as a member of IOGR."

Forastiere Funeral Homes provides three convenient locations to serve the community: Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield, Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam, and Southwick Funeral Home. They will be opening their fourth location this year on North Main Street in East Longmeadow.

Surprise! Card & Gift Shop Goes High-Tech With Recordable Greeting Cards

The newest twist in the technology craze is the recordable greeting card by Hallmark that uses your own voice to record a unique, personal

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The cards, which now are available at Surprise!
Card & Gift Shop, a Hallmark Gold Crown store located at 838 Suffield Street, Agawam (Rt. 75 at Southgate Plaza), were tested in five cities.

Based on success in the five test cities, the cards should be very popular here in Agawam and Feeding Hills, says Bob McElligott, owner of Surprise! Card & Gift Shop. Personalization has been the trend for the last couple of years, and people just can't seem to get enough of it.

The cards contain a micro recording device with a tiny switch for recording. To change the message, simply record over the first message.

can be played over and over up to 100 times on the original batteries, according to McElligott. And the element of surprise always enhances a gift.

The cards are perfect for recording a baby's first words or a giggle or goo-goo. A marriage proposal, anniversary wish, or milestone birthday greeting become treasures to keep on recordable cards.

Both non-occasion everyday cards and such holiday cards as Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day will be in the line. Cards sell for \$7.95. McElligott expects recordable Valentines to be

the hottest item in 1994. Valentines and other recordable cards were put on display at Surprise! Card & Gift Shop this week.

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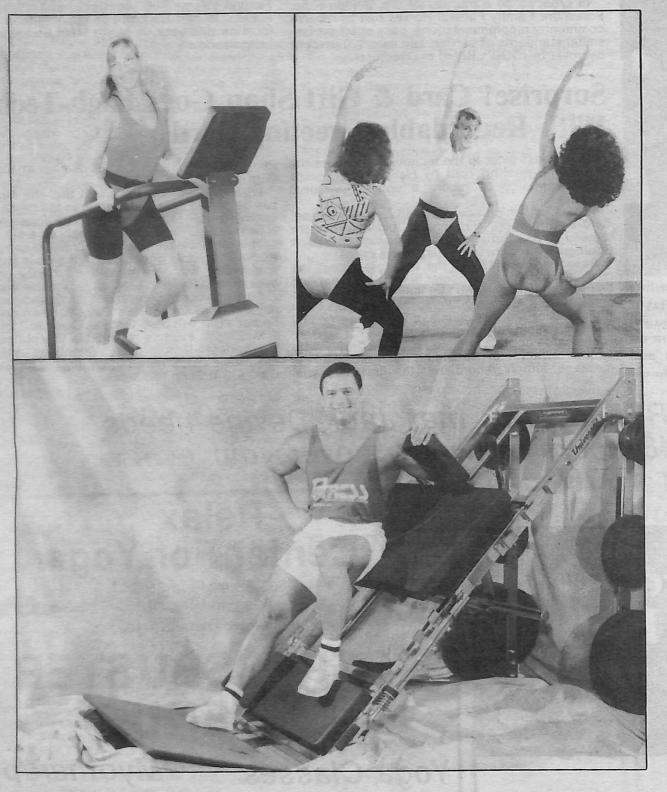
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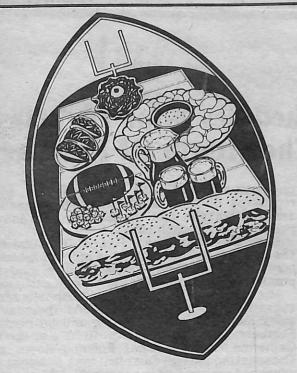
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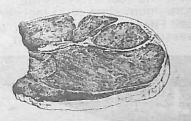
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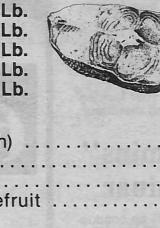
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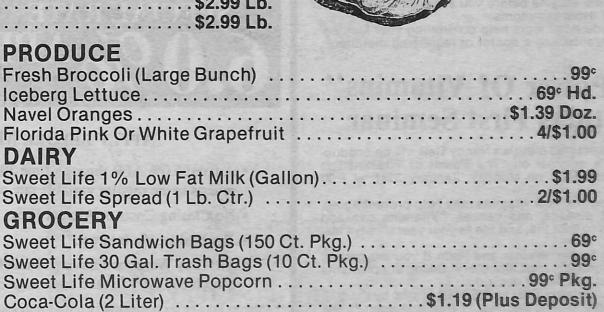


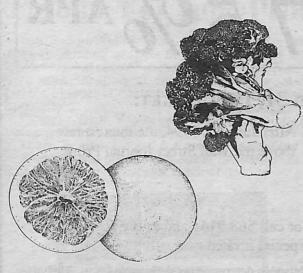
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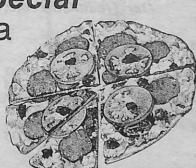
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Food Thought

by Nancy Dell Registered Dietician

Lactose Intolerance:

For many people, eating cereal and milk is routine. But, for one in five Americans, milk and other dairy products cause real pain because of a condition called lactose intolerance.

Are You Lactose Intolerant? Lactose is the sugar in milk. Fifty-million Americans have trouble digesting this sugar because their body makes less of the enzyme lactase that breaks down the sugar.

This trait may be inherited, much like you inherit premature baldness or grey hair. If you inherit the trait, your lactase level may start to drop off around age six, and the undigested lactose sugar can lead to gas, bloating, cramps, and diar-

If you have these symptoms, see your doctor. He can do a simple test to determine if you have lactose intolerance.

How To Avoid Symptoms

Having lactose intolerance does not mean you have to totally give up milk products. Research shows four out of five people with reduced lactase levels can drink a cup of whole milk without symptoms if they do so with a meal. So, you must know your own tolerance to milk products.

To find out your tolerance level, eat very small portions of dairy products. Then increase your portion size until you begin to notice mild symptoms. That may be your personal limit.
Five Ways To Eat Dairy Foods Without Discomfort

Even when you're lactose intolerant, you need calcium for a healthy body. Follow these guidelines to get the calcium without too much

1) Drink 1/4 cup of milk with a meal. When milk is eaten with other foods, it's less likely to cause symptoms.

2) Say "yes" to yogurt. The active cultures in yogurt can help your body digest the sugar.

3) Choose cheese. More than half the lactose is removed when cheese is processed. Aged hard cheese like Swiss and cheddar have the least lac-

4) Look for lactose-reduced or lactose-free milk in the dairy case. It contains 70% less lactose

than regular milk.

5) Buy the lactase enzyme your body is lacking at your pharmacy or grocery store. Brands like Lactaid, Dairy Ease, and generic lactase pills. You take the enzyme before you eat a dairy food, and you'll avoid symptoms.

If you need more help controlling your lactose intolerance, see a doctor or registered dietitian.

"Power Of Vitamins" **Fitness First Seminar**

Registered dietitian Nancy Dell will be conducting a seminar on "The Power of Vitamins" at Fitness First on Monday, January 31st, at 8:00

Discover how vitamins may help prevent aging, heart disease, and cancer. "Vitamins can add years to your life, and life to your years," says Ms.

Go to the seminar and learn if you are getting enough from food alone or if taking supplements would be a wiser decision.

Call Fitness First at 786-1460 or stop by the club to register. The seminar is free and open to the



Providence Hospital Schedules Four Diabetes **Education Classes For The Month Of February**

sent a series of free classes beginning on Friday, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital Conference Room.

The topic for the February 4th Diabetes Education Class will address the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring.

On February 11th, participants will learn about

insulin and oral drug use along with the acute complications which may accompany these treatments. The February 18th presentation will explore acute and chronic complications and will also include a discussion by Dr. Robert Fleischner,

D.P.M., on the importance of foot care. This four-week educational series will conclude

The Providence Hospital Diabetes Education on February 25th with a presentation by a Program for the Management of Diabetes will pre-registered dietician addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question and answer

period is part of each class.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetes
Teaching Nurse, facilitates the program which is open to all diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next testing will be held on February 10th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Catherine Horan Medical Building Room 115. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the Providence Hospital at 539-2938.

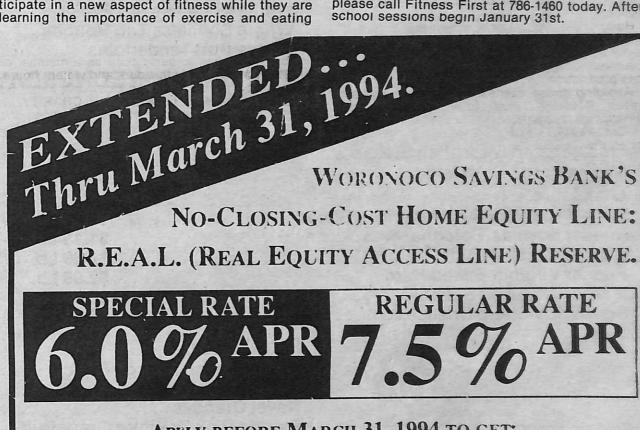
Fitness First Offers Schoolchildren Ways To See Importance To Exercise

Fitness First in Feeding Hills is offering schoolchildren ages eight to 15 a chance to work out and discover the importance of a fit and

healthy body twice a week after school.
"Fit Kids" is the name of the new program that will incorporate Cybex machines, swimming, court sports, aerobics, and cardiovascular workouts. The program will meet twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. for one hour. Each session will enable the children to participate in a new aspect of fitness while they are learning the importance of exercise and eating

"We know that children are being educated in the schools on the benefits of exercise, but do they really apply it?" asks Assistant General Manager Barbara Vinciguerra. "By participating in a fun, active, after-school program, we think the students will retain the essence of how good you feel after exercising and how important it is to in-

corporate it into your everyday life."
For more information or to register your child, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 today. Afterschool sessions begin January 31st.



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Agawam Theatre Staging Comedy In February

"Weekend Comedy," Agawam Repertory Theatre's latest production combines a witty, con-temporary script with an experienced, talented cast. Set in a remote vacation cabin, two couples unexpectedly encounter each other thanks to a reservation foul-up.

Focusing heavily on a humorous spin of the two relationships, playwrites Jeanne and Sam Bobrick provide us with the "guts" of all relationships: joy, conflict, love, misunderstandings, stubbornness, fun and the challenge to separate subjectivity from reality.

Using the remote cabin in the woods as the setting, the characters explore male and female strengths, foibles, and personal triumphs in an unsentimental, tongue-in-cheek comedy that does not spare our sense of self-importance.

Jill, played in a sprightly manner by veteran actress Donna Claxton (formerly in ART's Beyond Therapy and See How They Run), and Peggy, played with wry self-restraint by another ART veteran, Cil

with wry self-restraint by another ART veteran, Cil Long (See How They Run, Sister Mary Ignatius and Arsenic and Old Lace) provide vivid counter-points to their "significant others."

Paul MacDonald plays Frank, the older of the two men who struggle with trying to avoid seeming to be selfish, self-centered "unreconstructed male chauvinist pigs," and desperately, or sometimes casually, wanting to demonstrate their generous "I can be reasonable" side.

Mr. McDonald has previously appeared in The More The Merrier and ART's fall production, Couples. Tony is played by another community theater veteran, Michael Serafin, whose portrayal

theater veteran, Michael Serafin, whose portrayal does the term "delicate balance" admirable

Having roles in past performances of Noises Off, Macbeth, and See How They Run, Mr. Serafin is a familiar presence in local community theater. Kathleen Grady makes her directorial debut in this production.

Avoiding chase scenes, car crashes, guns or knives, Weekend Comedy is a wonderful multigenerational show (note how we avoided calling it a "family show"), which brings wit, honesty, and fun to the local scene.

The show opens on February 18th at 8:00 p.m. and has additional performances on February 19th and 25th, with a matinee on February 26th. Weekend Comedy will be performed at the Agawam Senior Center, located at 68 Meadowbrook Manor

Tickets are \$5 (senior citizens, \$4). For reservations and ticket information, call Bob Lawson at 567-6240 or 567-0467.

Encore Players Slate Tryouts For June Prod.

The Encore Players will hold tryouts for their June production of "The Boys Next Door" by Tom Griffin on Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at their new location at the lower theater of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield.

Director Dick Volker will be auditioning for seven men and two women.

There is also a need for anyone interested in working on the production either backstage or in any other facet of theater production.



No winter items will be accepted after Jan. 27th. Spring items accepted

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SUFFIELD PLAYERS REHEARSING A SCENE from the upcoming "Weekend Comedy." From left - Michael Serafin, Paul MacDonald, Cil Long, and Donna Claxton.

Trial Of King Richard III Coming In February By Suffield Players

Suffield: For three weekends beginning February 17th, 18th, and 19th, Mapleton Hall in Suffield will be transformed into the courtroom of Eternity, where King Richard III will be brought to trial for his involvement in the series of still unsolved plots and murders, which left the throne of England open for his reign.

You are invited to participate as a member of the jury for the trial of this dark and violent figure, 500 years after his death on Bosworth Field. Be there as the noted defense counsel, CHARITY, attempts to refute the accusations brought by the prosecution, HISTORY and RUMOR; before the venerable judge, TIME, in the courtroom of Eterni-

See the play-within-a-play as members of William Shakespeare's company, The Lord Chamberlin's Men, present excerpts from the Bard's account of Richard's rise to power.

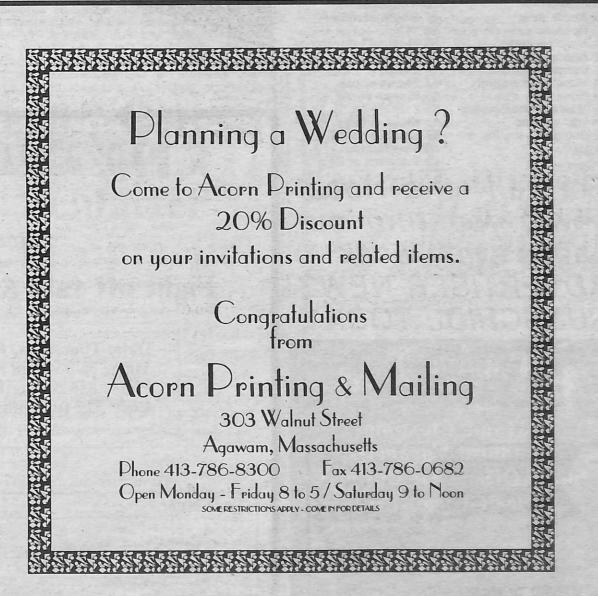
Hear the testimony of historian and saint, Sir Thomas More, along with that of the Bard himself, as the deaths of Henry VI, Edward (Prince of Lancaster), George (Duke of Clarence), Edward V, his

brother, Richard (Duke of York), and King Richard III's own wife, Queen Anne, are finally resolved!

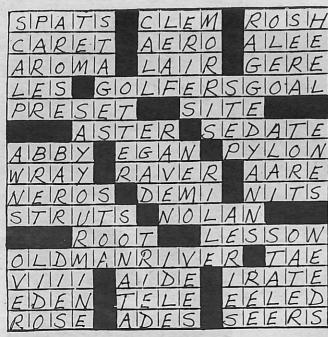
"The Final Trial of Richard III" by Mary Schaller will be presented by the Suffield Players at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield on February 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and March 4th and 5th at 8:00 p.m.

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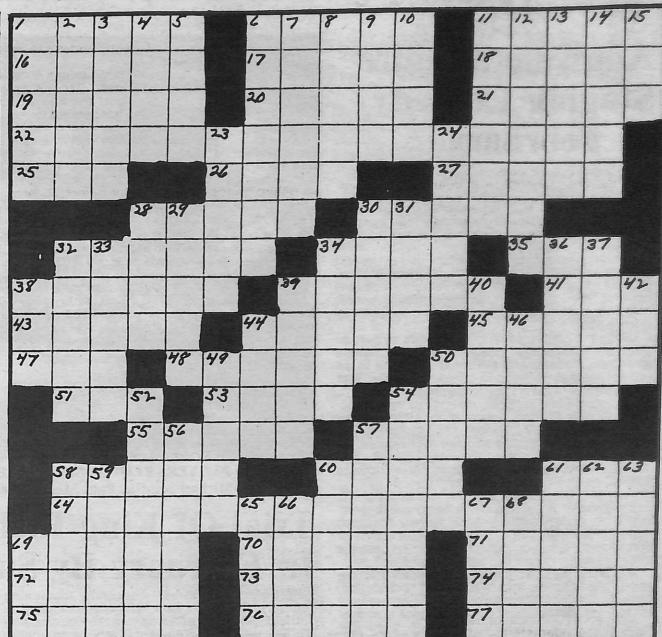


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"First Friday Series" Slates Program On Pastel Portraits By Paul Leveille Feb. 4th

The Agawam Cultural Council is pleased to present the noted portrait painter and teacher, Paul Leveille, as their first program in the First Friday Series of 1994. Mr. Leveille, using a live model, will demonstrate his portrait technique to his audience by painting a portrait in pastels.

Mr. Leveille is a graduate of Vesper George School of Art of Boston, where he studied under many professional artists (including Robert Douglas Hunter and Paul Rahilly). He has also studied with Jack Callahan, Marian William

Steele, and Charles Movalli.

Mr. Leveille is well-known for his portrait workshops (pastel, oil, and watercolor), which he

conducts throughout the United States. He is a council member of the Academic Artist Association, Springfield, MA; a member of the Copley Society, Boston, MA; The Springfield Art League, Springfield, MA; The Rockport Art Association, Rockport, MA; and the Connecticut Pastel Society.

Come and join us for a "Portrait Demonstration in Pastels" by Paul Leveille at the Agawam Public Library on Friday evening, February 4th, at 7:30 p.m. The program is free of charge to the public through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Escape the sheer misery of this freezing and stormy winter with these HOT flicks!

* The Towering Inferno Directors: John Guillerman and Irwin Allen. 1974. Rated PG. 2 hours and 45 minutes. Starring: Steve Mc-Queen, Paul Newman, William Holden, Faye Dunaway, Fred Astaire, and Richard Chamberlain.

They say that if it's too hot in the kitchen to get out. Well, what if it's w-a-a-a-y-y too hot in a California skyscraper and you can't get out?! The Towering Inferno is one of the best disaster films

of all time.

A star-studded cast including the missed talents of Steve McQueen, William Holden, and Fred Astaire highlight this exceptional film. Remarkable cinematography is displayed throughout the film, especially during the highaltitude fire sequences.

The plot centers around a towering inferno. Now that I've just wasted an entire sentence, let me elaborate. A newly-constructed San Francisco skyscraper catches on fire from faulty equipment. The fire spreads unbeknownst to the building's occupants. When the fire is finally noticed, all possible escape routes are blocked by flame.

This is when the film's intense suspense is at its peak. The great thing is that this suspense doesn't lose momentum until the very end of the film. Even the resolution of The Towering Inferno is

spine-tingling!

With an abundance of less-than-entertaining films in the video store, I strongly suggest this one to heat up your weekend because this is one fire that I promise you won't get burned by! 3 STARS. (Parental Guidance Suggested.)

* Summer Rental

Director: Carl Reiner. 1985. Rated PG. 1 hour and 28 minutes. Starring: John Candy, Richard Crenna, Karen

Austin, Rip Torn, and Kerri Green.
What better topic to think about in the cold than summer? This film, overall, is nothing more than average. There are, however, aspects of the film that are worth checking out.

Director Carl Reiner seems to lose steam

toward the end of this film in terms of making us laugh. The first portion of the film provides some genuine laughs. This is primarily due to the emergence of John Candy in his first top-billed performance. His larger-than-life humor (and physique, for that matter!) instantly appeals to an

audience hungry for humor.

The old saying goes that all good things must come to an end and, unfortunately, Candy's appeal eventually becomes boring at the hands of Reiner. The story deals with the happenings in the

life of an air traffic controller's "vacation."

John Candy's first major feature film role as a star is not a total disappointment. John Candy does hold the show for most of the film and delivers some heartfelt laughs. So, despite a partial failure on the part of director Reiner, Summer Rental is still an entertaining winter rental! 2 STARS. (Mature audiences.)

* In The Heat Of The Night

Director: Norman Jewison. 1967. Not rated. 1 hour and 49 minutes. Starring: Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger,

Warren Oates, and Lee Grant.

I'm sure all of you have all but forgotten such notions as the title of this oldie conveys! In The Heat Of The Night received well-deserved recognition from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences by receiving two Oscars; one for Best Picture and one for Rod Steiger's performance. By

the way ... heat? What's that?!
Sidney Poitier teams with Steiger in what proves to be a quite successful pairing. They portray two detectives investigating the same murder. Conflicts are presented within the film through these two characters alone; one is black and nor-thern while the other is white and southern.

Slick direction by the notable Norman Jewison makes for a film of smooth transitions and convincing characterizations. Once all the noted attributes fuse together within the film's narrative structure, the mercury in your thermometer is sure

Certainly worthy of the recognition it received over two decades ago, I think it's worthy of your recognition, too. You may be forgetting what it "feels" like to be in the heat of the night with all these sub-zero temperatures lingering around;

but, I assure you, you won't forget "watching" In The Heat Of The Night! 3 STARS. (Parental Guidance Suggested.)

WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: To confirm my hopes that children are watching wholesome films, I will introduce a suggested age limit at the end of each film I review. Starting in the next spectroscopic film I review. Starting in the next appearance of Pisano's Picks ... On Video, parents should look for my rating to ensure that children are not viewing

the majority of smut- and violence-ridden films that are being released today.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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French Pianist On Tap At Spfld. Symphony Saturday, Feb. 5th

As described in the Washington Post, French native Philippe Bianconi "fills the space with poetry and life, playing always close to the soul of the music." You will have the rare opportunity to experience his magical interpretation of Faure's Ballade for Piano and Orchestra on February 5th as he appears in an exclusive engagement with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

The evening's program will also feature Mr. Bianconi performing Ravel's Piano Concerto in G. Minor. Ravel, one of Springfield's favorite composers, sharp of his local probability and the world to composers, sharp of his local probability and the state of his local probability. pose this, one of his last orchestra pieces.

Opening and closing the evening's performance will be the orchestra performing two of Beethoven's best loved works, the Coriolan Overture and the Symphony No. 2, in D Major. This outstanding program is further testament to Maestro Raymond Harvey's commitment to a truly

exciting 50th Anniversary season.

The performance will take place at Springfield Symphony Hall starting at 8:00 p.m., preceded by a free "Words on Music" talk at 7:00 p.m., at Old Christ Church, Court Square. This concert is sponsored in part by NYNEX with radio sponsor WMAS

Bianconi, winner of the Silver Medal in The Seventh Van Cliburn International Competition, made is orchestral debut with the Nice Philharmonic in 1975. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1987 and in recent seasons has appeared with the orchestras of Cleveland, Atlanta, Sacramento, Vancouver and internationally with the Orchestra de Paris and the Orchestra of Bucharest.

Tickets for the February 5th concert range from \$5 to \$31. We advise you order soon, as the last two classical performances have sold out. Tickets can be purchased at the Symphony Box Office, 75 Market Place, Springfield or charged by phone at (413) 733-2291. Group, senior, and student discounts are also available.

All concerts of the SSO are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Ag. Community Artists To Meet February 2nd

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School, Room No. 42, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of

the Agawam Community Artists is welcome to attend this meeting.

For information, call Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-0138, or DeBorah Allen at 786-6087.



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Bon Appetit

Susan Anderson

An Antidote To Winter

Every year at about this time, I vow that I will never subject myself to another New England winter. Do you know that feeling as well? As a younger person, I don't recall winter seeming treacherous. I no longer look at winter with appreciation, but live with the certainty that it exists to make us old before our time.

I spend a significant amount of unproductive time formulating ways to offset the misery. A trip to the white, sun-drenched beaches of Barbados is a perfect antidote to dead batteries and frozen car doors. Relocation to the equator weighs heavi-

More practically, another option is a hearty pot of chili at the end of another commute that leaves you hypertensive

ELLEN'S LOW-FAT VEGETARIAN CHILI (Serves 4)

1 teaspoon olive oil 2 medium onions

2 cloves of garlic, minced

56 oz. canned tomatoes (or 3 pounds fresh)

151/2 oz. canned kidney beans 15 oz. canned chickpeas

11/2 cups chopped celery 1 green pepper, chopped

3 tablespoons lime juice (or 2 tablespoons lemon juice)

1 tablespoon chili powder 11/2 teaspoons oregano 11/2 teaspoons cumin

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon 12 oz. light beer

Dry-roasted peanuts Cheddar cheese

In a large pot, heat oil and saute onions and garlic until soft. Add all ingredients except beer, peanuts, and cheddar cheese. Cover and simmer 11/2 hours. Add beer and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Add a handful of peanuts and sprinkle cheese on each serving.

From: Ellen Vitorino.

Where once I lived for a good schuss down the snowy slopes, I now settle for remaining upright in the driveway or arriving at work with the car intact. Temperatures above 10F seem like a heat

Chili is therapy for winter. It's hot peppers and cumin, Lone Star good. Medicine for arctic air and show.

REAL TEXAS CHILI (Serves 8)

2 pounds boneless beef chuck tablespoon chili powder 4 tablespoons olive oil

½ large onion, chopped 1 clove of garlic, minced

1 tablespoon chili powder 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

1 bay leaf 1/2 teaspoon salt

1½ cup pureed tomatoes (fresh or canned)

1 cup water

Trim the beef and cut into 1/2-inch cubes. Rub with 1 tablespoon chili and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Marinate in refrigerator several hours or overnight. Heat remaining oil in a stew pot and add as much meat as will fit in one layer in the pot. Saute until browned on all sides.

Remove to a bowl and repeat process in bat-ches with remaining meat. When all the meat is browned, add the onion to the pot and saute until softened. Return the meat and accumulated juices to the pot and add all remaining ingredients. Cook partially covered over medium heat for 11/4 hours. Remove bay leaf. Serve with sour cream, chopped cilantro, and lime wedges.

From: Peter Kump in Prodigy Guest Chefs Cookbook.

There are very few options with snow. It falls; you shovel. It melts, then freezes again, at which point people of all ages and physical conditions are given nature's yearly test of stability on ice.

The options with chili, on the other hand, are many. Vegetarian, with chunks of meat or ground beef, low-fat or otherwise, chili can be easily adapted to taste and health. It will take the chill out of your bones.

And if winter is making you crazy, live it up and add a generous amount of hot pepper, which is certain to momentarily divert you from dwelling morbidly on the weather

WHITE CHILI (Serves 8)

pound dried white beans tablespoons olive oil cloves of garlic, chopped

2 teaspoons ground cumin 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 6 cups chicken stock

2 pounds boneless chicken breasts 2 onions, chopped

2 (4 oz.) cans, green chiles, chopped 11/2 teaspoons dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper 3 cups Monterey Jack cheese

Place beans in a heavy large pot. Add enough cold water to cover by at least 3 inches and soak overnight.

Place chicken in a heavy large saucepan. Add cold water to cover and bring to a simmer. Cook until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool. Remove skin and cut chicken into cubes. Drain beans. Heat oil in same pot over medium

high heat. Add onions and saute until transluscent, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, then chiles, cumin, oregano, cloves, and cayenne; saute 2 minutes. Add beans and stock and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until beans are very

tender, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours. Add chicken and one cup cheese to chili and stir until cheese melts. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with remaining cheese, sour cream, salsa, and cilantro.

From: Bon Appetit, March 1991.

This winter may be the last straw for this writer. During the recent polar blast, I discovered a new dimension in torture when the windows in my car were more heavily frosted on the inside than outside.

It was necessary to get out the scraper and create a minor snowstorm that fell merrily in my lap and over most of the front seats. It didn't do much for my disposition, which was already compromised.

ES NOT TOO BAD CHILI

(Serves 8)
7 pounds ground beef (coarse) 2 tablespoons paprika 6 medium onions, chopped 1 whole head of garlic, chopped

Butter 2 tablespoons cumin 2 oz. chili powder 3 Jalapeno peppers, chopped 1/4 teaspoon oregano 3 (16 oz.) cans whole tomatoes

2 (15 oz.) tomato sauce Garlic salt, salt & pepper
Brown meat with paprika in a cast iron skillet.

Saute onions and garlic in butter in a separate pan. Combine onions and garlic with meat in a 13-quart pot. Add remaining ingredients and simmer four hours, stirring regularly.

From: Chili Lover's Cook Book, compiled by Al Fischer and Mildred Fischer.

Until next week, I wish you the best. Suggestions for topics are always welcome. I can be reached at 786-2017 or by mail at *The AAN* (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030).

Bon Appetit!

Ag. Cultural Council Seeks New Members

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Calling all community-minded citizens ... the Agawam Cultural Council needs YOU! Come be of service to your town of Agawam.

The Agawam Cultural Council needs new members with enthusiasm and new ideas. The Council is responsible for allocating funds to the local arts and humanities and interpretive sciences through grants to individuals, schools, and organizations. It also sponsors free summer concerts as well as the First Friday Series, which

offers a variety of events at no cost to the public. The Agawam Cultural Council needs your help

this program work; your enthusiasm and commitment is all the council needs.

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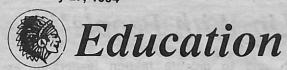
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INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN ACTOR & DIRECTOR Vincent Dowling from Chester chats with Junior High students last week. Dowling visited the school's English classes at the request of faculty member Dennis Moran. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Internationally-Known Actor/Director...

Vincent Dowling Visits Jr. High

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Internationally-known actor and director Vincent Dowling brought his passion for the importance of the performing arts as a resource that provides enrichment for a lifetime to Agawam

Junior High School students last week.
Formerly a director of the famed Abbey Theatre in his native city of Dublin, Ireland, Dowling cur-

rently makes his home in the tiny village of Chester at the foot of the Berkshires.

The founder of the Miniature Theatre of Chester, Dowling began visiting English classes at the Junior High School as an in-class guest speaker a few years ago at the request of English teacher Dennis Moran. The two became friends through Moran's involvement in the Chester Theatre and Dowling offered to come to the school to speak with students about poetry and theatre.

The Show Must Go On

This year, plans for Dowling to visit the school over three days to speak to three English classes each day were disrupted by the cancellation of school one day, and a delayed start on the other two days. In the time-honored tradition of the theatre mandating that "the show must go on," Dowling rearranged his schedule to meet with the students

In his session with Anthony Sibilia's seventh graders and Moran's eighth graders, Dowling told the students the difference between watching television and attending a live performance is the interaction between the audience and the per-

formers.
"When you watch TV, you don't take part in it. When you go to a live performance, the quality of your attention actually changes the actors. You become equal creators with the performers," he

Dowling urged the students not to close the door on the appreciation of the arts or on daring to express their feelings through poetry, music, or dance. "It's a way of speaking what you really feel and not what others want you to say."

"The difference between a full, rich life and a smaller, unhappier life is stifling your feelings,"

Dowling said.

Convinced of the power of the arts and literature to inspire young people and influence the course of their lives, Dowling told the students he had recently had one of the most powerful experiences of his life as a result of his work with the Miniature Theatre in Chester.

When the theatre opened four years ago, Dowling had hoped it would provide a resource for the entire community, particularly a group of 10 or 12 young people with nothing to do and not much hope for the future. Some were high school dropouts and some had just barely managed to qualify for a diploma.

Dowling said he was especially worried about one young man he called Joe (not his real name), a high school drop-out with an unkempt appearance and few prospects for a successful future.

Once the theatre got underway, Joe surprised Dowling with a request to be accepted as a volunteer usher. Dowling agreed on the condition that Joe improve his appearance and wear a tie to the performances. Joe quickly became hooked on the theatre. "He wouldn't miss a play and would come to help us carry scenery and to do other odd jobs around the theatre," according to Dowling.

Last fall, Dowling's concern over Joe's future deepened when he received a call from the Hampden County Correctional Center at StoneyBrook. Joe was asking for copies of next summer's plays. He wanted to be ready in case he was released early from a one year sentence.

"If miniature theatre had happened earlier, I wouldn't be in prison today. I'd be home with my mother for Christmas. What I've really learned is this is not going to happen again. I'll get a good this is not going to happen again. I'll get a good this is not going to happen again. job and the way to help myself is through reading," Joe told Dowling.

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VINCENT DOWLING - from Page 31...

A Way Out
Visiting Joe at the jail, Dowling was thrilled that his friend had immediately found the jail's library and was reading Shakespeare and the Bible.

"He's finding his resources in the works of Shakespeare, dead for 500 years, and the language and stories of the Bible," Dowling said. "He may find a way out."

Forced to leave school at age 16 because his mother didn't have the \$10 for the tuition, Dowling said he became involved in the theatre by accident and embarked on a life-long adventure that has taken him all over the world. "I've met some of the most important people in the world. I've been everywhere, put some of the most famous actors on the stage, done everything I've wanted to do all for one reason: I found the works of (Canadian poet) Robert Service at an early age and later found the theatre.'

Dowling said Service was a colorful character who became a superstar of the English speaking world. Raised in Scotland, Service went to Alaska during the Gold Rush. Rather than striking gold, Service "struck poetry" and became a millionaire from the poetry he wrote that was inspired by the rough-hewn characters he encountered in the

Yukon.

Before reciting one of Service's most famous works, "The Shootin" of Dan McGrew," Dowling told the students how the poem nearly got him into trouble with officials of the former Reagan Administration. Well-known for his performances of President Reagan's favorite poet, Robert Service, Dowling was invited to the White House to perform at a state dinner.

After checking over Dowling's program for the evening, White House aides asked Dowling not to perform the poem. It was the President's first state appearance after the Hinckley shooting. "It was too close. It hit too close to home," Dowling

Although none of the students were familiar with the love sonnets written by Shakespeare, Dowling promised them, "In four or five years, when you're looking for something to write to someone you love, you won't find anything better.'

After reciting one of the sonnets, Dowling read one his own works, "Saoirse," (pronounced sair' sha and written in Gaelic for his infant granddaughter so that the students could hear the musical quality of the sound of poetry, even if they didn't understand the meaning of the words).

Titled after his granddaughter, Dowling said the name means Freedom and is a popular name in Ireland. Dowling said he was inspired to write the poem after meeting his granddaughter, an "extraordinary and exquisite child" of black and

white parents. Written In Hope Of Freedom From Prejudice Dowling said the problems often faced by the children of inter-racial marriages moved him to write of the hope for freedom from prejudice in the future. In translation, the poem describes the child as "the beautiful moment between night and the coming of day," and as "the rainbow—the bridge inthe sky.

Dowling urged all the students to come to Chester during the summer to see a live performance. The Miniature Theatre of Chester presents five plays at the Town Hall on Middlefield Street. The season runs from mid-July to

A resident of Chester for four years, Dowling first came to the area in 1977 at a friend's invitation to enjoy a day's fishing on his property. think he really just wanted someone to drive the 10 hours from Cleveland," Dowling joked. "When I saw that beautiful land and beautiful river, I knew immediately I wanted a piece of that land.

Dowling will be appearing in "Love Letters" with Academy Award-winning actress Kim Hunter at the Academy of Music in Northampton on January 28th, 29th, and 30th.

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Todd Zern To Join "Up With People"

Todd Zern, 18, of Feeding Hills, has been accepted to participate in the "Up With People" program. Todd will join "Up With People" beginning in January 1995.

Todd is the son of Ted and Roxanne Zern and a senior at Agawam High School where he is active in marching, jazz and concert bands, co-captain of the varsity ski team, literary staff of the High School yearbook, and National Honor Society.

Todd is also involved in Operation Friendship of Feeding Hills and has served as a Student Ambassador at Baystate Medical Center. He and his family are members of St. David's Church in Feeding Hills.

Todd has been accepted at Western New England College, where he plans to study

bioengineering.

Known for its widely acclaimed musical show, "Up With People" is an educational and cultural program for students 18-26 which aims to build peace through understanding among people everywhere. It is experiential education, which is more than musical performance, more than cultural exchange, more than travel.

It is a program which attempts to carry a universal message of optimism which only youth can convey. It is about a passionate belief that each cast member can somehow do a better job of helping and understanding one another than is

presently the case.

Following five weeks of staging and orientation in Denver, Colorado, Todd will travel for 10 months with a cast of over 150 students from as many as 18 different countries. An estimated 35 million people have seen "Up With People" during the 27 years of the program's existence. Each year, over 8,000 applications are reviewed for a place in one of the five casts.

During the year tour, students have a unique educational and cultural experience learning about other people, cultures, and languages as they live and work with an international cast, traveling 30,000 miles, staying with 80 host families, meeting leaders of business, industry, government, and the arts.

Community performances and visits to schools, hospitals, prisons, centers of the handicapped, and nursing homes enable students to share in the lives of thousands of people all over

the world.

"Up With People" travels to over 48 countries, including the People's Republic of China, Jordan, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Poland, and Australia. "Up With People" was founded in 1965 by J. Blanton Belk, who wanted to provide a positive channel for the idealism and energy of youth and to provide lasting leadership ex-

perience.

When asked about why he chose to pursue "Up With People" admission, Todd talked about his curiosity in learning about the world and its people. He also mentioned the chance to be a part of international friendships and being a part of the strong commitment to service which "Up With People" embodies.

As with other post-secondary educational programs, each "Up With People" student pays a



TODD ZERN

substantial program fee to help defray expenses of their participation. Student program fees constitute 40 percent of the actual cost of operating, with the balance of income coming from show tickets, gifts-in-kind, performance revenues, and tax deductible contributions. Most students raise a portion of their program fee through local sponsorships and fundraising activities.

When Todd leaves Feeding Hills in less than a year, he will take the community of Agawam and Feeding Hills with him. It is also this community to which he will return with a unique view of the

Persons and groups interested in supporting Todd's effort to participate in "Up With People" are asked to contact Todd Zern at 786-1679. Tax deductible contributions may also be mailed directly to Todd at 113 Parkedge Drive, Feeding

Local Students On HCC Dean's List

The Holyoke Community College Vice President of Academic Affairs has announced the fall

1993 semester Dean's List. Full-time students named to the Dean's List must achieve at least a 3.2 quality point average and have completed at least 12 semester hours of work. Part-time students may achieve the Dean's

List by completing the above criteria over a two

Agawam students named to the list included Carol Berard, Kelley A. Kondas, Maria LaRochelle, Jeffrey M. LaFrance, and Christina M. Reis.

Feeding Hills students included Christopher H. Corradino, Michelle M. Desilets, Heather A. Kendall, Michael L. Kowalewski, Alison A. Rock, Roxanne Williams, Beth A. Burek, Amy Costa, Kathleen A. Dunican, Eric W. Lottermoser, Christine Magistri, and Tod R. Noftall.



Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by William Miller Principal, Phelps School



The Modern Elementary Classroom

The modern elementary school classroom is a far more vibrant, energetic learning environment than the sterile, conforming atmosphere of the

The mastering of Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic skills are still our primary objectives. We still strive to develop those social skills essential in becoming a contributing member of our democratic society.

If our goals and objectives have remained fairly constant, why does the modern school seem so

different and so expensive?

The concept of grade levels remains constant as a matter of economics and convenience and not because of sound education judgement. Although the majority of students entering a classroom will perform well, the seemingly simple realization that each child has his/her own unique learning style was a long time gaining acceptance.

Today widely varying developmental rates, abilities, and difficulties demand recognition and accommodation. Students are not allowed to flounder, fail, and lose self-esteem. Support services to ensure that ALL children can feel success are now in place that prevent a child from viewing himself/herself as a failure.

The widely diverse and varying needs of students has resulted in tremendous and unrealistic demands upon the time, energy, and expertise of classroom teachers. We have gone

John Regish Earns Dean's List At WNEC

John Regish, son of Barbara and Bob Regish, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester at Western New England College.

John is a 1990 honors graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a senior at WNEC. He is a finance major and is the secretary of the Financial Management Association.

He has recently completed an internship for credit in the Loss Control Department of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation's main office in Wilbraham.

Best local news...

Happy 20th Birthday, "Princess!"



Love, Mom, Dad, Mark, Beth & Celeste

far beyond providing the traditional offerings of specially trained teachers in art, music, and physical education. We now offer "safety nets" by providing skillful teachers in many areas.

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Readers of this column are undoubtedly familiar with the mandates of Chapter 766 (Special Services). Individual Education Plans (I.E.P.) compiled at TEAM meetings must be and are fulfilled by a staff of competent, specifically trained, highly experienced and exceptionally talented full- or part-time personnel: Adaptive Physical Education; Developmental Learning Centers (D.L.C. I, II & III); Evaluators; Home, School Adjustment Counselors; Moderate-Needs (Resource Room); Psychologist; Speech and Language, Occupational and Physical Therapists; Teaching Assistants.

An impressive listing of staff serving not only the Phelps School district but also the entire city through our four substantially separate classrooms (D.L.C.'s)! I take great pride in sharing the following excerpt from a recent Massachusetts Department of Education audit:

"The staff and Principal at the Phelps School exhibited an attitude of genuine and warm acceptance of all children, and a deep sense of commitment to providing quality education to all of their students regardless of learning challenges presented. The result is a model school where staff, students, and parents are cooperatively and enthusiastically working together for the benefit of all."

Before the reader exclaims that he/she didn't have any of this expensive help and succeeded, undoubtedly there are many who will state emphatically, "I wish I had this much help when I went to school."

Today we know how to teach and reach ALL children. Yes, there is an accompanying expense and the ever-present question—"Is it a desirable financial burden?"

As you formulate your opinion, I request that you ask yourself, "If this were my son, my daughter, or my grandchild, would I find his/her education TOO expensive?"

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 31st: Ovenbaked chicken nuggets, dipping sauce, seasoned green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Tuesday, February 1st: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, peach

slices in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, February 2nd: Cheeseburg in roll, mustard, relish, catsup, seasoned carrots, macaroni salad, fruit cup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Thursday, February 3rd: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, chilled fruit cup, or jello with topping, milk.

Friday, February 4th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs, catsup, midnite chocolate cake with icing, milk.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo Chairman

Information Regarding The ASVAB Test

In the middle of December, on a volunteer basis, 142 juniors and three seniors took the ASVAB test, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Prior to taking the test, Mr. Elvin Russell, an educational specialist of the U.S. Navy, discussed with every junior the value of the

On Friday, February 4th, 1994, Mr. Russell is returning for the purpose of explaining the test results to each student. Every student will receive a detailed test result sheet along with an Exploring Careers ASVAB Workbook, which is designed for students who are in the process of making choices about their future educational and career

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ing about their future careers.

The student will receive the booklet prior to their meeting with Mr. Russell. They must complete a Self-Directed Search, which is an inventory of questions about the kinds of activities a stu-

dent likes to do or does well.
Incidentally, the ASVAB test was three hours in length and covered 10 areas, which included subjects such as Auto and Shop Information, Coding Speed, Paragraph Comprehension, General Science, and Mechanical Comprehension.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Scholarship Fair · Thursday, March 8th, 1994. College Fair · Monday, March 14th, 1994 (for junior class parents).

College Night - Tuesday, April 12th, 1994 (tentative).

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Registration Now Taking Place For STCC Evening Courses

Registration is now going on for spring semester evening courses at Springfield Technical Community College, according to President Andrew M. Scibelli. Credit courses began the week of January 24th, and end on May 14th. Registration will continue through February 5th, or before the second session of any class.

Selected classes are offered at extension centers at Agawam High School, East Longmeadow High School, Ludlow High School, and Palmer High School. Extension center classes also began the week of January 24th; registration for these courses will be accepted until the end of this week.

Over 125 different credit courses are offered on the main campus, in the areas of health/human services/nursing, business administration and computer information systems, engineering technologies, humanities, math and natural sciences, and social sciences.

Most classes are held one evening a week; however, there are also classes that begin at 4:00

p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m., as well as classes that meet two evenings a week and end in only seven weeks. Saturday morning classes are being offered for the first time this semester.

Associate degree programs offered through the evening division include Business Administra-tion, Computer Information Systems/Data Pro-cessing, Early Childhood Education, Cosmetology Management, Electrical/Robotics Technology, Energy Systems Technology, Engineering Technology Core, Fire Protection and Safety Technology, General Studies, Law Enforcement,

Technology, General Studies, Law Enforcement, Liberal Arts Transfer, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Pre-Pharmacy.

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Registration hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Payment may be made by cash, check, VISA, Discover, or MasterCard. Registration is also available by fax.

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Agawam Schools' "What's Happening" (January 29th Thru February 4th

January 30th - Sunday Super Bowl Sunday!

January 31st - Monday Clark School - School Advisory Council: (7:30, cafeteria)

February 1st - Tuesday Granger School - Book Fair Middle School - School Advisory Council (3:30 p.m.)

February 2nd - Wednesday

Robinson School - School Advisory Council meeting (3:30 p.m.) Granger School...

 Book Fair - open to parents 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- PTO meeting - 7:00 p.m.

February 3rd - Thursday Granger School - Book Fair High School...

- PTSO meeting (7:00 p.m., teachers' cafeteria)

 National Honor Society Induction (7:30 p.m.)

February 4th - Friday

Granger School - Book Fair (open to public 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)

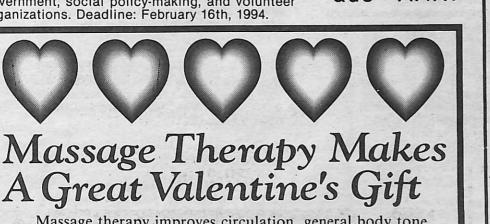
Town Students On Dean's List At **Fitchburg State**

President Vincent J. Mara of Fitchburg State College has announced the names of area students included on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full-time.

Fitchburg State College, which is celebrating its centennial, enrolls 6,000 day and evening students in 20 academic majors. The college was established in 1894.

Area students named to the list are, from Agawam, Cheryl A. Czepiel and Darren J. Jacobs, and from Feeding Hills, Barbara L. Dobise and Susan J. Rahilly.



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Sarah Bonini Winner Of Geography Contest At Junior High

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Eighth grader Sarah Bonini recently became the geography champ of the Junior High by winning the school level competition of the National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the Na-

tional Geography Society and Amtrak.

Thousands of schools across the United States, the District of Columbia, and the five American territories participate in the Annual National Geography Bee.

Winning the school level bee is the first step in advancing to the national competition (with a \$25,000 scholarship as the first prize).

State Bee To Be Held In April
As the school's winner Sarah will take a written test in order to advance to the state level on April 8th. Up to 100 of the top scoring students in the state will be eligible to compete.

The state champions and their teachers will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C. on May 24th

First prize in the national competition is a \$25,000 scholarship; second prize, a \$15,000 scholarship; third prize, a \$10,000 scholarship.

With Alex Trebek, host of Jeopardy!, as the

moderator, the National Geography Bee will be broadcast as a prime-time special presentation by Maryland Public Television. The special will air over most Public Broadcasting Service stations on May 25th.

All the students at the Junior High School participated in the school's Geography Bee. Each social studies teacher held a classroom bee and each class champ advanced to the school level competition.

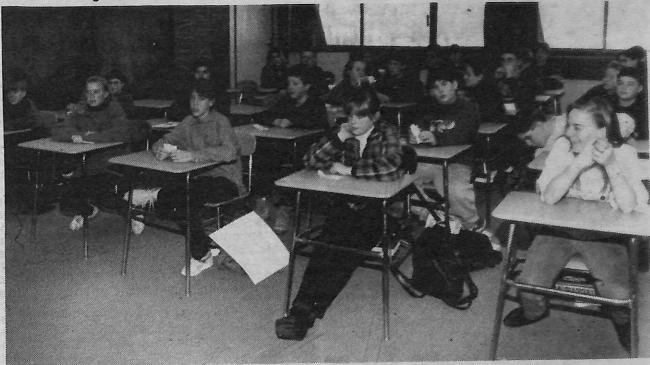
Social Studies Chairman William Quinn gathered the 26 classroom winners together for three rounds of competition to select the two finalists who would compete for the title of school

After congratulating the classroom champs on making it one step closer to a \$25,000 scholarship and the trip to Washington, Quinn told the students they would each receive a certificate from the National Geographic Society at the school's annual awards ceremony held in June. "You'll all be on stage," Quinn promised the

In addition to receiving a certificate, Sarah, as the school champ, will receive a \$50 savings bond and her name will be inscribed on a plaque to be

placed permanently in the school's display case.
Using materials and procedures prepared by
the National Geography Society, Quinn explained
that he would be asking the students oral questions. Students would be eliminated from the competition when they had given two incorrect

Round one began with questions pertaining to a typical weather forecasting map of the United States given to each student. Students were asked to identify types of pressure systems and weather fronts affecting various areas and to name states where certain weather patterns were indicated. In the second half of round one, students were to write their answers to oral questions. They were allowed 15 seconds to write their answers to questions such as, "Ellis Island, which once served as the principal point for immigration from 1900-1924, is in the harbor of what city?"



STUDENTS IN ROOM 217 at the Agawam Junior High participate in the Annual Geography Bee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine

In round one, only three students were eliminated. Quinn later said the students were doing so well he was beginning to worry that he would run out of time as the contest was scheduled to last for one class period only.

Narrowed Down To 13 Students In Round Two

Round two narrowed the field down to 13 students as the contestants responded orally to the questions. Quinn explained that each question would be asked only twice. If two students did not know the answer, he would move on to the next question.

As round three progressed, more students were eliminated, leaving Sarah, Andy St. Jean, and Laura Tenerowicz, vying for the chance to compete as a finalist. Andy was stumped by a question on rivers in the Western U.S., leaving Sarah

and Laura as the two finalists.

Quinn read three questions for the girls to answer in written form to determine the school champion. With more correct answers, Sarah won

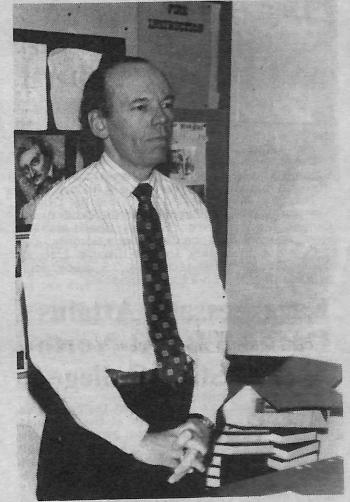
This year's classroom geography champions were Ami Cooper, Dan Balboni, Christina LaValley, Jeff Lyman, Scott Yarymowicz, Doug Nooney, Jill DeMarco, Heidy Rydell, Nick Smith, Chris Fennyery, Justin Bushey, Laura Tenerowicz, Derek Rose, Nathan Meade, Greg Jubinville, Charlie Denison, Chris Gaffney, Kevin Collins, Sarah Bonini, Andy St. Jean, Austin Kimball, Steve Duplessis, Jason Roberts, Kevin Hill, Derek Root, Jennifer McGuire, and Barbara Maloni.

The National Geographic Society instituted the National Geography Bee six years ago as an attempt to address a growing concern over the lack of geographic knowledge demonstrated by American youth. As a result of a 10 country survey conducted by the Gallup Polling Service in 1988 and 1989, the National Geographic Society found that Americans aged 18 to 24 had less knowledge of geography than the young adults in any other

country surveyed.
With 9.6 million members, the Society sponsors a number of educational iniatives in addition to the National Geography Bee, including summer geography institutes for teachers, the National

Geographic Society Education Foundation, and the Geographic Alliance Network currently in place in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto

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SOCIAL STUDIES CHAIRMAN William Ouinn gathered 26 classrooms for the school's Annual Geography Bee earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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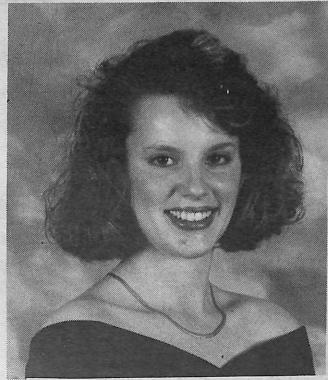
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DENA M. PETRANGELO

Dena M. Petrangelo Named To Dean's List At UMass In Amherst

Dena M. Petrangelo, daughter of Frank and Margaret Petrangelo of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at

the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dena is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School. She has a double major in communication and journalism with a minor in history

This fall, Dena was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Order of the Omega Academic Honor Society. She is also the vice president of Alpha Chi Oméga Sorority.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, an undergraduate must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

Kara Lessard Attains Dean's List At North **Adams State College**

Kara Lessard has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester at North Adams State College with a grade point average of 3.48.

Kara is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a junior at North Adams State. She is a business major with a concentration in medical part of the state of the tion in marketing and a minor in English. She is also a member of the North Adams State Funnel

She is the daughter of Mark and Donna Brunton of Agawam, and Kenneth Lessard, also of

Local Women On Dean's List At **Bay Path College**

Lisa A. Kirk of Walnut Street, Agawam and Carol Ann Gardner of Mill Street, Feeding Hills attained dean's list standing for academic exmester at Bay Path College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C. Dean's list students previously, both ladies also belong to the college's

Maroon Key Honor Society.

Both students are continuing education students at the college and are enrolled in the Legal Studies Program.

Christie Scheve Named To Dean's List At B.U.

Dean Brendan F. Gilbane of the College of General Studies at Boston University, has named Christie L. Scheve to the Dean's List for the fall 1993 semester.

Daughter of Linda B. Scheve of Barry Street, Christie is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a sophomore at Boston University. She is also a peer advisor for the 1993-94 academic year.

Granger School To Showcase New Books

Granger School has announced that it will host a Scholastic Book Fair open to the general public on Friday, February 4th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Come meet Clifford the Big Red Dog! Admission

This reading event will offer the public the opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young

Books featured in a Scholastic Book Fair are carefully selected by a committee of reputable editors and educators. Many hours are spent considering hundreds of books from around the world in search of selections that excite and motivate students to become lifelong readers. Special attention is given to find books that will appeal to the emergent, the experienced, and the reluctant

Along with winners of prestigious state and national awards, the Scholastic Book Fair will present hundreds of titles from over 70 publishers. Included will be how-to books, biographies, timeless classics, and a wonderful variety of the newest titles in children's literature.

Proceeds from the fair will help Granger School generate important funds for the school library. For more information, please contact Doreen Gildersleeve at 789-4949.

Agawam Students Make Dean's List At STCC

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1993 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Dean of Student Services William

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's

Agawam residents named to the Dean's List are Christopher Agrapides, Scott Bracci, Kimberly Christy, Dawn Cross, Denise Gilbert, Derrick Gregor, Kenneth Krzykowski, Maria Losito, John Meiller Corte Maria Losito, John Maria Losito, Losito, Maria Losito, Losito, Maria Losito, Losito, Maria Losito, Mailloux, Carrie Mullen, Lidia Murray, Levi Randall, Jr., Jeffrey Safford, MaryAnn Sparveri, Gerald Sullivan, and Joseph Walz.

Feeding Hills residents named are Todd Bard, Lisa Cosgrove, Claudio Manes, Jennifer Pisano, and Level Rese Corplete.

and Laurel Ross-Gormley.

Springfield Technical Community College offers 45 associate degree programs with 23 options and 11 certificate programs, in the areas of business, health/human services, engineering and science transfer, engineering technologies,

Openings Available At Perry Lane Nursery

and liberal arts and sciences.

The Agawam Parks/Recreation Department is presently accepting registrations for the fall semester at Perry Lane Nursery (the little red schoolhouse located in Perry Lane Park).

Children who will be four years-old by September 30th, 1994 may attend the Monday/ Wednesday/Friday session from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

(The morning session has been completely filled.) Tuition for the three-day per week session is \$585, payable at \$65 per month.

Children who will be three years of age by September 30th, 1994 may attend the Tuesday/ Thursday session from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Tuition for the two-day per week session is \$450, payable at \$50 per month. All children attending must be

toilet trained (unless a physical disability exists).
Registration is daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the recreation office (located in the rear of the Agawam High School lower driveway).

If you wish more information about the school or wish to visit the school, please call the office at 786-0400, ext. 456. Perry Lane Nursery will be in session from September 12th, 1994 through May 19th, 1995.

This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten. The school, because it is self-sufficient, is open to non-residents as well as residents.

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State Women's Club Offering Lots Of \$\$\$\$ In Scholarships

Scholarships, worth thousands of dollars, are being offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts through local clubs across the Commonwealth, including our own, the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

The scholarships are for both graduate and undergraduate studies and range in value from \$2,000 to \$500 for qualifying students for use in

Completed applications including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and in some cases, samples of work, must be submitted by either February 15th, March 1st, or March 15th. In some cases, personal interviews and/or auditions are required.

In all cases, the applicant must maintain legal residence in a community where there is a member club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Graduate fellowships of \$2,000 each will be awarded for study in the fields of Water Resources (Policy/Management), Special Education, and Library Science to women who have maintained legal residence in Massachusetts for the last three years.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded for graduate study in Communication Disorder to a man or woman who maintains legal residence in Massachusetts.

Scholarships of \$500 are offered for undergraduate and graduate study abroad to be used for a minimum of a full semester during an academic year for a college student maintaining legal residence in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts high school seniors are eligible to apply for the Pennies for Art scholarship. Awards of \$500 will be made. A portfolio of three samples of original work must be submitted.

High school seniors planning to major in piano, any other instrument, music education, or music therapy may also apply for \$500 awards. An audition is required and will be held on April 9th, 1994 in Southborough.

The Newtonville Woman's Club Scholarship of \$600 is awarded to a Massachusetts high school senior who will enroll in a four year accredited college or university in a teacher training program that leads to a certificate to teach.

The Dorchester Woman's Club scholarship is offered to a Massachusetts high school senior who will enroll in a four year accredited conege or university to major in Voice. An audition on April 9th in Southborough is required.

There are several Sponsored Scholarships offered in the name of the Federation to enrolling freshmen at the Art Institute of Boston or at Mount Ida College.

Information regarding any or all of these awards are available by writing to Scholarships, GFWC of MA, 245 Dutton Road, Box 679, Sudbury, MA, or by contacting Donna M. Shibley, telephone 786-3888, of the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

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AHS Matmen Place 2nd In Pittsfield

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

Veteran Brownie wrestling fans did the math immediately after entering Pittsfield High School at mid-morning last Saturday. Eight teams were assembled there: host Pittsfield High, Boston College High, Mount Greylock High, Springfield Central High, Marlboro High, Quincy High, Agawam High, and Lowell High.

High, and Lowell High.

Two four team brackets were built, but they were in essence meaningless because everybody knew that it would be perennial powers Agawam and Lowell on the center mat at day's end to settle the tournament. And that is exactly what happen-

Time To Face The Big Boys

The first two matches were like hors d'oeuvres for the Brownies en route to the big finish. After a month of slapping Western Mass. competition around, it was time for Agawam to step and face the big boys from the Commonwealth to see how far it would have to go before tournament time.

far it would have to go before tournament time.

Normally, this type of competition is sought by entering the Commonwealth Cup, but this season that tournament never materialized. So, Pittsfield stepped up and did a great job of hosting a fine day of wrestling which paralleled the Commonwealth Cup in every way.

Agawam drew Marlboro in the first round and the kids from this town did an excellent job of advancing to the semi-finals by posting a thoroughly convincing 57-12 romp.

Chris Chechile built a 12-0 first period lead before pinning his foe at 103 pounds. Chad Boucher wrestled a strong and capable opponent at 112 before dropping a 12-8 decision at that

From there, the Brownies would win three in a row, including a solid 8-5 win at 119 by Adam Tebaldi and pins by Kevin Willard (2:34) and John Scalise (:31) in the 125 and 130 pound classes.

Dan Vargas ran into an animal at 135 pounds and he hung in there before getting beat 10-3. Dennis Clark and Matt Bryant answered that with pins in 1:21 and 1:13 respectively, as the Agawam lead swelled to 33-6.

Kirk Parker looked well on his way to recording yet another Agawam pin when he gave up a five point move at the end of the first period and suffered a little wooziness early in the second. He got stuck at 2:38 of the second period as Marlboro crept a little closer.

But that was as close as they would get. Chris Langdon (a strong, sturdy day against tough competition) pinned his 160 pound competitor in 4:28; Andrew Ingham returned to action at 171 and pinned his foe in 31 seconds; Jon Jacobsen used up just 2:30 on the clock to subdue his opponent at 189; and Mike Poth sealed the deal with a 1:18 pin when his opponent missed the dump and Poth cleaned him up quickly.

It appeared as if BC High would be the next competition as it built a big early lead on Mount Greylock. But, Greylock had solid upper weight wrestlers and battled all the way back to win by a 39-30 score. They had the pleasure of facing the Brownies.

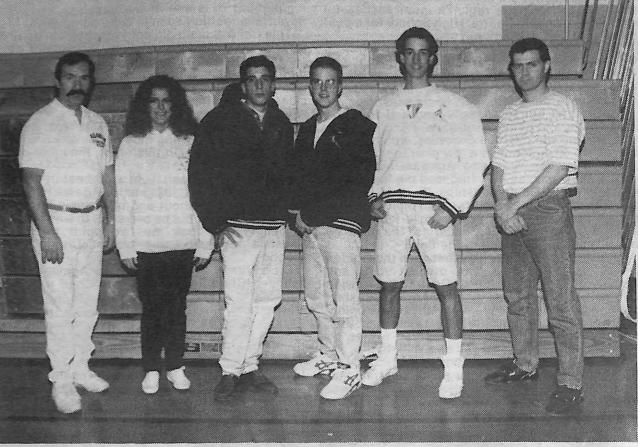
There wasn't much pleasure early on as the Brownies put a whipping on them. Chechile, Boucher, Tebaldi, Willard, and Scalise came out of the chamber with destruction on their mind. Chechile used up 39 seconds; Boucher took 45; Tebaldi was unbelievable by finishing his work in only 18 seconds! Somebody check Willard's watch—Kevin had to work for a minute 10 seconds before turning it over to Scalise, who flattened his kid in just 1:13. In just four minutes and five seconds of wrestling action—Agawam had built a 30-0 lead over a rugged opponent. (Mount Greylock had beaten solid Pittsfield 54-18 earlier in the week!)

Maybe A Shutout???

Vargas did a beautiful job of beating the 135 pounder (10-5) in a match that entertained everyone. Both kids mixed it up well for the entire six minutes. It was 33-0 Agawam and people were talking a shutout.

As the song goes—Waaaaaaait just a minute. Mount Greylock had more than one answer and one especially big surprise just waiting to hap-

Brownie Skiers Continue To Fly High



THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' ski team continues to hold first place in Division C, and the boys' team holds fourth place in Division B. From left - Coach Jim Graveline (girls), Dyan Deluce (girls' captain), Matt Bellico, Todd Zern, and Joe Scherpa (boys' captains), and Coach Glenn Olson (boys' coach). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dennis Clark wrestled at 140 and it took a while, but it turned out to be the first loss of the match for Agawam. Clark led 2-0 and 5-4, but would ultimately drop a 15-10 thriller. Matt Bryant got beat at 145 in a Leg Man meets Leg Man match (and a 9-2 result ensued).

Parker made up for his first match by staying focused. And when the opportunity presented itself, he nailed a big dump and cruised to a 52 second pin. Agawam led 39-6 and the entire Agawam contingent (big in number, spirit, and energy as always) was having a great time.

But the good feelings soon came to a screeching halt as Mount Greylock did the rest of the laughing. Chris Langdon was having another excellent match at 160 when he missed a roll through and took himself right to his back. He was pinned in three minutes even.

Ingham came out brimming with confidence at 171 and he immediately put his opponent to his back for a 5-0 lead. But Andrew couldn't hold his foe and he ultimately lost an 11-9 rock 'n roller which captured the hearts and minds of all who were assembled there. It was a terrific match with more enthusiasm and entertainment than you could imagine. Andrew lost but Andrew learned!

Proving that this sport is one of momentum, Jon Jacobsen went to the mat and got stuck at 54 seconds of the first round and the Brownies sent Derek Parker out to wrestle the heavyweight. Parker dropped a 9-4 decision. The final score of the meet was 39-24.

As stated earlier, all this was just preliminary action. The Brownies don't go places to win early round or middle round matchups. They are always in search of the gold and their task was a tough one. You don't face tougher competition in the Bay State year in and year out than you do when you tackle a kid who wrestles under George Bossy puts on the maroon and white colors of Lowell High.

The reigning state champions had blistered their first two opponents as well (Pittsfield and Quincy), and the two titans met on center stage as the supper hour approached. Wrestlers always do their best work when it's almost time to eat!

Chechile finished another super day of wrestling by getting Agawam off to a fantastic start as he pinned his 103 pounder in 3:05. Chechile was briefly in trouble in the first period, but extricated himself and he was in charge from that point forward.

Chad Boucher did himself proud at 112 as he held off one of the more talented Lowell kids (despite falling 12-6). Chad showed great heart and fight out there under difficult circumstances. Staying away from a pin when you are facing a "pinner" is quite a challenge and it saved the Brownies three important team points.

Adam Tebaldi faced similar fates at 119 pounds and he almost catapulted the Agawam audience into hyperspace. He wrestled the match of his life

by earning a single leg takedown in each of the three periods en route to a 6-1 win and his third of the day! Agawam led it 9-3 as the biggest battle of the day was on the horizon.

Kevin Willard faced a Lowell wrestler who was third in the state a year ago. The top two kids graduated and if Willard could beat him, Kevin would earn top seed in the state for the upcoming tournament. With that big price on the line, Willard stomped out there and took the match to his opponent

The Lowell kid had dropped Micah Morrison (two time state champion from Division II Quabbin Regional High) by a 1-0 score earlier in the week and Willard was well aware of it. (Willard has lost all three matches in which he faced Morrison in his career.)

Each kid battled hard through a scoreless first period and Willard picked up a point for a technical violation (locked hands) to lead it 1-0 in the second. The match was dead even seconds later when Willard was whistled for a technical violation of his own (moving the thumb improperly). An escape gave Willard a 2-1 lead and it might have been worse had the second period horn not cost Willard a five point move that he hit just a smidgeon too late.

A Real Crowd Pleaser

Willard escapted to go ahead 3-1 in the third, but got taken down to tie the match at 3-3. A solid reversal put Kevin back ahead by a 5-3 score. Lowell escaped to get himself within 5-4, but Willard held him off for the final 15 seconds and the crowd went bonkers.

Willard had a number one seed in the States, Agawam led 12-3, and life was just a dream (as they say). "Adam really fired me up with his fantastic match," Willard would later say. "I was really pumped up for that one."

But Lowell had an angry crop of wrestlers ready to do battle and it sounded the attack horns (apparently) and came out stomping the rest of the

Scalise dropped a 6-1 decision at 130 pounds. His opponent fell during first period action and used up a lot of the "injury clock." But he returned to post a solid victory.

Clark wrestled against a good leg man in the 135 pound division and Dennis was pinned just before the first period ended. That tied the team score at 12-12.

The next match is one that will be talked about until the State Championships come around. Matt Bryant ran into a buzzsaw at 140 pounds. The normally crafty, strong, and creative Bryant was getting his hat handed to him by a wrestler with similar skills and a bit more strength. After two periods, Matt was getting trounced 12-3 and his mouth and teeth were bleeding. Once they got the blood stopped, the third period began and Bryant got his first opportunity to ride.

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Grapplers Demolish Central, 60-9

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

What a difference two years makes? Two winters and about six feet of snow ago, Agawam High School took the region's most successful wrestling team into Central High School for a dual meet of tranic proportions.

Some 2,000 fans were on hand that night as

Central finally tamed the giant named Agawam, which had pillaged the countryside, slayed all the dragons, and wiped out everything west of Worcester for the better part of six seasons.

Central got out to an early lead and took the momentum and emotion of the evening en route to a thrilling win over the Brownies, who had won more than 50 matches in a row prior to that night.

The following week saw Agawam snap back with a vengeance as they trounced the field in the Western Mass. Championships. It would be Central who would go to the State Championships in Lowell and capture the crown (on a technicality after Agawam had laid claim to the title by mathematically eliminating the field).

Last season, the dual meet between the Golden Eagels and Brownies was over at AHS and Agawam easily dispatched Central by a wide margin. At season's end, the Brownies bashed their way through the Western Mass. Championships for the seventh straight season and then made another big impression at the States by finishing third behind Lowell and Billerica.

Payback Time

So, last Wednesday night was the first time that Agawam got a chance to return to Central and avenge that loss from early 1992. Nobody knew that a return to the Ice Age would be the time when payback would be administered.

Yes, it would be an evening when planes, trains, and automobiles spent more time going sideways than frontwards or backwards as the tough men with those orange uniforms strode into Central to settle the score.

No pre-game Lombardi or Rockne speeches were necessary. Many of this year's wrestlers were wide-eyed junior varsity performers when Central laid that licking on the Brownies two years ago. And they were more than ready to take

There weren't 2,000 people on the premises this time-there might not have been 200. But, it was the same mats and the same gym. It just happened to be a different result.

The Brownies smashed their way to a most satisfying and convincing 60-9 conquest, highlighted by some of the flashiest and most

powerful wrestling seen in quite some time.
This Central team did not expect to win against Agawam last Wednesday night. It does not have the talent nor the numbers of personnel that it had during its championship season. In fact, the Golden Eagles were forced to forfeit three weight classes and the absence of fans proved the "Everybody Loves a Winner" mentality.

But, make no mistake, these kids from Central will give you everything they have every time that they take the mat. On this night, they just didn't have enough..

That may have been illustrated best in the first 10 seconds of the 103 match. Agawam's Chris Chechile tried to shoot and take down his opponent (Dan Ursino), but he overshot. Ursino stepped in behind and took the two point takedown. Chechile regrouped and pinned Ursino in 31

Cruz Franco zipped to a pin of Agawam's 112 pounder (Chad Boucher) in 3:28. Chad missed a switch and went right to his back and the veteran

Franco rang him up soon afterwards.
Smooth As Silk For The Locals From there on out, the night went smooth as silk for the Brownies. Adam Tebaldi might have had the toughest match as he hooked up with Justin Gleason at 119 pounds. Tebaldi got an escape in the second period and won the bout 1-0

by virtue of that. It was a solid third period ride

that allowed him to win the match. Agawam led 9-6 and never surrendered the lead. Kevin Willard got the legs in deep in the second period, but actually had to work hard to subdue rugged Ricardo Perez at 3:26 to push the lead to

15-6.

John Scalise would suffer the last loss of the night for Agawam as he fell 9-3 to Robert Perez at 130 pounds. Scalise trailed 5-0 early when he missed a headlock dump and paid for it by surrendering a handful of points. He battled back and got within 5-3 with both wrestlers on their feet in the second period. But he didn't get his takedown and he got further behind in the third on a reversal and backpoints.

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You might have thought that the Lowell kid would get right up and out, but Bryant got the "legs in" and began a most convincing ride. The next thing you knew, the Lowell kid went right over the top and appeared to be pinned for the

over the top and appeared to be pinned for the longest time. As the referee surveyed the situation, he wouldn't give Matt the fall and Bryant wound up dropping a 17-6 major decision.

"I talked with the Lowell coach," said Coach Phil Tomkiel after the match. "And he said that Bryant had him pinned. That is a 10 point swing—the six we would have gotten for the pin against the four we lost due to the major decision. That would have put the match at 27-27 heading into the heavyweight division. That would have been exciting, wouldn't it?"

But the rest of the match wasn't all that ex-

But the rest of the match wasn't all that exciting from an Agawam perspective. Dan Vargas got pinned in 1:09 at 145 and Parker got stung for a technical fall (16-0) at 152. Langdon fought like the devil but got pinned in 5:42 at 160 pounds and the Brownies trailed it 33-12. Mathematically, they were eliminated before Ingham hit the mats at 171

Ingham Hangs On For Dear Life
Still stinging from his loss against Mount Greylock, Andrew went right after a long tall drink of water from Lowell. But it was another slam bang affair. A second period reversal and subsequent back points put him up 7-3, but he had to hang on for dear life to win a 10-9 decision.

A different result on the scoreboard might have made Jacobsen's big win at 189 pounds a lot more exciting as he executed a fine side headlock takedown and pin at 1:52.

Poth and the Lowell heavyweight stalked each other into the third period before Lowell prevailed with a pin in 5:14, making the final score 39-21 in

As always, these late January matchups show the Brownies what needs to be done in the practice room and history tells us that the Agawam kids will do the work and will be ready when the big lights go on in early March.

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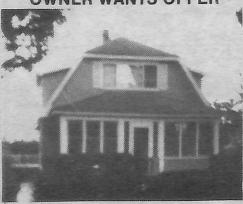
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AHS Hoop Wins 2nd By Crushing Falcons In League Opener

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

When you beat a basketball team by 34 points, basketball coaches have multiple feelings on the

You want to feel good for your team, and that is especially true if your team took the court with a 1-9 record. But, you also do not want to run the risk of being accused of running up the score.

Agawam High covered its bases for Coach Mike Martin on Tuesday night as they romped all over Minnechaug Regional High by the score of 95-61 in a "real good, feel good" type of game in the opener of the Valley Wheel schedule for both clubs.

When Chris Bitzas connected on a little hoop on the left side with 14 seconds to play, he became the seventh Agawam High Brownie to reach double figures! He was preceded into twindigit territory by Nathan Wooley, Ryan Henderson, Mike Knodler, Todd Boskiewicz, Derek Poole, and Dan Bodman (in that order).

It is interesting to note that this is a roster that is comprised of just nine players, so the feat becomes that much more remarkable. The other two team members—Joe Albano and Jim Baldyga
—each reached the scoresheet as well, as Albano knocked home four points and Baldyga dropped a free throw in the second stanza.

It was also on a day where Agawam fell victim to the slow turning of the justice wheels, as their hearing regarding the eligibility of 6'9" center Youriy Zdrak was continued pending a judge's decision (see story elsewhere this edition).

Using The Same Formula...

The Brownies used the same formula that they have utilized all season long while they were tak-ing their lumps in the independent portion of their schedule. They chased every loose ball, challenged every pass, and tried like the dickens to grab every rebound.

If it sounds rather basic, it is-but, this group never quit on itself while getting their hats handed to them in nine of 10 ballgames, and their hard work finally paid dividends on the road in

Wilbraham. Poole and Bodman came off the pine to lead the first-half charge, as each kid posted nine points. Both guys did a fine job on the backboards, too, and they keyed a lot of outlet passes which allowed Nathan Wooley to post SEE CLOBBER MINNECHAUG - Page 41... GRAPPLERS - from Page 38...

The rest of the evening was an Agawam highlight reel. Dennis Clark extended the lead to 21-9 as he powered Dan Griffin right to his back and stuck him in 36 seconds in the 135 pound divi-

Matt Bryant fooled everybody in the house by actually sticking to conventional stuff (bars and halves, instead of guillotines and Japanese wizards) and he pinned Edwin Collazo in 3:31 at 140 pounds. Dan Vargas popped tall and accepted the forfeit at 145 pounds, which gave Agawam a

Kirk Parker showed that wrestling certainly can be in the genes as Doug Parker's grandson got right down to business again with an impressive and powerful pin in 1:27 (over Matt LaCroix at 152

Walkovers in the 160 and 171 pound divisions were awarded to Chris Langdon and Dave Virella (as the lead swelled to 51-9).

The matches at 189 and heavyweight were supposed to be dandies and neither one disappointed the crowd. Jon Jacobsen and James Demasi hooked up in a beauty with Jacobsen prevailing 4-3. Jon got a first period takedown at the buzzer and a second period reversal which gave him enough points to outlast the tough Eagle.

Undefeated Manel Lopes of Central and flamboyant Mike Poth of Agawam went after each other in the Big Boy division. Poth got a first period takedown and close observation revealed his confidence growing as the second period was

taking shape. As he looked for half nelsons and bars to help him pin Lopes, Coach Phil Tomkiel repeatedly told his heavyweight, "A butcher will work! A butcher will work!" Mike heard his coach and hit it perfectly. He rolled the big round shoulders and the work was done in 3:29.

Backslaps and big smiles were worn all over the visitors' area and no doubt that good feeling extended into the bus.

It was just a shame that more people weren't around to see it. But, you have to remember, there weren't that many people around in the Ice Age either!

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eight first-half markers of his own on his way to 15-point night.

Wooley, normally the shooting guard, was forced to spend the bulk of the first half at the point because starting quarterback Mike Knodler would pick up two quick fouls and Martin sat him for the remainder of the period. There was never a need

to re-enter his veteran backcourt ace.
In the second half, Knodler essentially ruled what was a mighty early garbage time. He stood at the free throw line with one second remaining in the contest, and calmly dropped his two foul shots ... which gave him 20 points for the ballgame (all 20 coming after intermission).

ballgame (all 20 coming after intermission).

Martin and the gang were having so much fun that the coach was contemplating calling a time out to "ice" his own player. There haven't been a lot of nights like this during this season.

This also might have been the night that Byan

This also might have been the night that Ryan Henderson gained the confidence that he will need to be effective in the post during league play. A 6'5" center with solid offensive skills, Henderson has been a bit reluctant to mix it up underneath.

From 37-21 To 53-31...

He came from the locker room after halftime and mashed his way to three very strong, hardworking hoops which helped to power his team from a 37-21 halftime advantage to a 53-31 lead, which had Falcon Coach Tom Cebula looking for a time out.

Boskiewicz zipped for eight second-half points as he continued his confident, slashing moves to the hole. Wooley, who had built his first-half point total with his long-range bombing, was able to convert from far shorter distances in the second half because he was simply making layups after making steals or outrunning the defense on fast break opportunities.

Bitzas mixed well by hitting his short jumper and running well in the transition game.

If this reads like cheerleading, try and get yourself a copy of the videotape. The Brownies clobbered the Falcons and did everything better than their homestanding opposition.

They have been on the opposite end of a handful of these this season, and the kids from our town had themselves some fun on a Tuesday night in late January. They rooted for one another and they maintained a semblance of order on the court, despite the big disparity on the scoreboard.

The Brownies now must hope that they can finish first or second in the Valley Wheel League to have any chance of making the playoffs.

Court Offers No Decision On Youriy

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

Remember that comedian named Yackof Smirnoff? His claim to fame was the phrase "What a

He told the story of getting off the plane at JFK Airport in New York City and riding down the street and seeing a big billboard that read "America Loves Smirnoff!"

Naturally, the big sign was singing the praises of vodka and not welcoming a Russian immigrant. But, Yackof got his big smile going and said, "What a country!"

No Comedy In Agawam
Light-hearted comedy has not been the case of
Agawam High Ukranian transfer Youriy Zdrak
since his arrival in the lower 48 States last summer. The sixteen year-old from School 216 in Kiev
wanted to come to America to learn, to experience, and to play basketball - certainly not the

worst of intentions.

His arrival and his plans have been well-documented in these pages and also in other forums. The 6'9" kid has been around the grounds and doing the same things that the other kids are doing.

He's taking classes, practicing with the hoop team, making new friends, learning a new language and of course eating cheeseburgers.

language, and of course, eating cheeseburgers.
He seems to be adjusting well. But he now finds himself embroiled in controversy every waking minute of his life. It seems that his hopes to play competitive basketball for AHS have been dashed (temporarily at least) by the efforts of the bureaucracy known as the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Youriy's team is suffering through their worst season in many years. They are 2-9 and the prospects of making the post-season are not good. Coach Mike Martin is trying to keep his troops together as they collectively anticipate the eligibility of their new big man

eligibility of their new big man.

And Martin had to be pleased with his team's wonderful play vs. Minnechaug Tuesday night in

hausted all administrative avenues to get Youriy

the Valley Wheel opener.

AHS and its officials and representatives ex-

cleared to play. They filed all the necessary paperwork. They filed on time. They broke no rules. Youriy was a transfer student who did not par-

Yourly was a transfer student who did not participate in a varsity sport during the past 12 months and that simply makes him eligible to play.

ths and that simply makes him eligible to play.

The MIAA and the MIAC (two governing arms of the high school athletic programs in the Commonwealth) lined up shoulder-to-shoulder and blocked the kid from playing.

Agawam Officials Muster
Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Town Solicitor
Thomas Locke, Principal Russell Furtado,
Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, and
Coach Mike Martin all felt strong about this case.
So strong, in fact, that they ultimately caused the
thing to wind up in the judicial process on Tuesday afternoon in Hampden County Superior Court

in downtown Springfield.
Yes, Youriy wanted to take the court but not this kind of court. So, the local posse convened at 2:00

p.m. seeking a preliminary injunction.

We sat through several sexual discrimination cases and all hands were checking their watches.

cases and all hands were checking their watches. A positive nod from this judge would allow Youriy to play against Minnechaug at 8:00 p.m.

When the case was finally called before the judge, Mayor Johnson (an attorney) took center stage and eloquently stated Youriy's case. He talked about how the town had complied with all the state of the s

talked about how the town had complied with all the wishes of the administrative process. He talked about how much the player, his prospective teammates, his coach, the student body, the town, and other area coaches wanted to see him play.

Johnson talked about how Youriy was taking

classes and doing well. He even talked about how the kid's grades might actually be slipping just a bit in recent weeks due to all the stress he is enduring. He talked about the forms that were filed and when.

Johnson stood up straight and looked sharp. He was flanked by veteran Attorney Locke. The duo were obviously prepared to fight and to win... Johnson spoke in a booming voice (not before

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Brownie Skaters Escape Tigers, 2-1

by Doug Perdue
Advertiser News Correspondent

Had someone glanced at the standings last Thursday before the South Hadley/Agawam High hockey game at the West Side Olympia, they would have seen the Brownies with a 6-1-1 record going against a weak Tigers squad still searching for a win.

South Hadley may not have come away with the "W" in this one, either, but the Tigers certainly gained a dynamic moral victory against an explosive Brownie squad.

Dan Moriarty and Eric Mastrolanni each scored and Derek Benton played a spectacular game in goal to lead AHS to a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

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Moriarty got things going for the Brownies at 4:21 of the first period. He accepted a pass from Jay Biagetti and skated up left wing. Moriarty put a quick move on the Tiger defenseman and then fired the puck past the surprised goalie.

That would be the only goal of the first period as both teams were sloppy in their own end of the rink, especially in the neutral zone. Benton kept South Hadley off the board by making several tough saves.

Mastroianni would score the eventual gamewinner at 9:18 of the second period when he con-

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heard by this reporter) and the evidence was compelling. The Mayor did a solid job and did it with a great degree of resolve.

The contrast between the representatives sent by Agawam and the attorney representing the MIAA was unbelievable.

As organized, neat, and persuasive as Johnson was, his counterpart was a disorganized, unruly, and mumbling sort who provided the opposition.

Perhaps the Agawam case was so well thought out that the opponent had to change his strategy. But this attorney began his response with 10 minutes on the ills of recruiting high school kids. He spelled out three no-no recruiting scenarios that are possible and then quickly added that Agawam had violated none of them.

He noted that the MIAA is celebrating its 60th birthday this year and their experience allowed them to make proper decisions in these matters.

For instance, he agreed that Zdrak never played varsity ball in Kiev; he did play for 10 years on a city team that the MIAA considered the equivalent of varsity experience. The judge seemed amused by this point when he learned that Zdrak began playing in that league when he was six.

The MIAA attorney went on to state that they

The MIAA attorney went on to state that they are serious about guarding against teams building powerhouses with transfer students, especially foreign transfer students.

Pointed Out Incongruities
The Agawam case looked good late in the proceedings when Johnson popped tall to answer a couple of incongruities in his opponent's statements.

The judge got a bit impatient with Johnson and ordered him to take a seat. Moments later, the man on the bench told the parties that he had heard all the evidence that he needed to hear.

The judge then uttered those words that Martin (and the rest of the Agawam contingent) didn't want to hear: "I'll take it under advisement."

want to hear: "I'll take it under advisement."
Interpreted by Locke, that could be five minutes, a day, a couple of days - in other words, it means different things to different people.

it means different things to different people.

As the supper hour (and presstime) and the basketball game approached, the decision had not been made and Youriy had to wait, at least a little big longer.

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Joe Dupelle made a nice play on his knees to keep the puck in the South Hadley zone and then fed it to Szygiel. Szygiel then found Mastroianni all alone in front of the net.

Benton would be tested again and again but the sophomore was on top of his game. Benton's shutout bid would be spoiled with just 18 seconds remaining when he was finally beaten by a high wrist shot.

The Brownies were scheduled to meet West Springfield at the Olympia at presstime.

AHS Boys' Basketball Team Slates Candy Sale

The Agawam High School boys' basketball team will be holding a candy sale on Saturday, January 29th, at Gino's Liquors on Walnut Street Extension from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and at the Agawam Post Office on Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

On February 5th, the team will be selling candy at the Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hill from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Don Swindle and Norm Stebbins are co-chairmen of the Annual Ice Fishing Derby which is being sponsored by the Agawam Sporting Club. The event will be held on Sunday, February 6th, on Congamond Ponds, Southwick; the fishing will commence at 7:00 a.m. and wind up at 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public The for for

The event is open to the public. The fee for adults is \$5, and \$3 for kids. You can sign up on the ice or at the Sporting Club (located on Corey Street, Agawam).

Hamburgs and hot dogs will be served during the day. At 4:00 p.m., the entrants will return to the clubhouse and enjoy a spaghetti and meatball supper. How about that, all for \$5! Prizes will be awarded in several categories (including "largest

Meanwhile, the club has started a .22 shooting competition on Monday nights. It is strictly .22 pistol or rifle competition.

The Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Sportsmen's Club, Corey

Street, Agawam.

A brief meeting of the general membership will be followed by the annual auction. Available will be all types of fishing tackle, accessories, and outdoor equipment. Members may bring their equipment to the club on meeting night; the club will receive 10% of the selling price.

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Results Of Fall Firearm Turkey Hunting In CT A total of 376 hunters harvested 45 birds from 16 northwestern towns. Participation declined by six percent from last year, when 402 hunters purchased permits; however, the 1993 harvest exceeded 1992's by 12 percent. Warren (10) and North Canaan (7) were the towns with the highest

Connecticut Court Upholds

Hunter Harassment Law
The Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled that the state's hunter harassment statute is constitutional and does not discriminate against animal activists.

That ruling ended a two-year challenge to the law by the extremist Animal Rights Front. The front claimed the law violated First Amendment rights of free speech with the sole purpose of protecting bursters against animal pipers. tecting hunters against animal rights activities. But the court said the law was, in fact, "content neutral" and therefore regulated speech without regard to its message.

The ruling stemmed from the arrest of five front members during the 1991 deer season. The group was found guilty by a lower court and fined \$100

each.
Forty-seven states currently have a hunter harassment law on the books. Many of those harassment law of which are based on WLFA laws, virtually all of which are based on WLFA model legislation, have been unsuccessfully challenged over the years.

Brownie Girls Subdue CHS Challenge To Stay Undefeated

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Western Mass. Division I title chase in girls' high school basketball got a whole lot sweeter last Friday night. The annual run towards the Spring Country of the chast state of the

ingfield Civic Center is in full swing now and Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium might have seen a preview of what to expect there.

The Cathedral High Panthers opened its season at home against the Brownies of Agawam High and AHS punished them right there. It didn't seem (at that time) that the Panthers would be able to play at the Brownie's level.

But, that's why the seasons are so long and

But, that's why the seasons are so long and that's why the games are played on the floor (and not on paper). The Panthers picked themselves up, dusted themselves off, and have played sparkling basketball since that time. They nailed defending State Champion Amherst in overtime; they dusted Northampton; and they lost to (then) undefeated Longmeadow at the buzzer.

Coming to Agawam for the return matching had

Coming to Agawam for the return matchup had Agawam Coach Lou Conte and his troops on double notice that the Panthers were coming to win the game—not just show up!

Stone Ices It And the Panthers played a whale of a ballgame that thoroughly entertained the assembled masses. AHS gutted it out with a late surge by the

capable veterans and came away with a 45-41 verdict. It was never settled until Cyndi Stone hit a free throw to ice it in the last 25 seconds.

Agawam looked to deliver an early knockout and it nearly did. The big Agawam front line of Stone and Kristen Schmaelzle banged around in the law next anough to surge the home team to an the low post enough to surge the home team to an 8-0 lead. Stone connected in the paint on possession number one and then followed that up with a pretty post up on the right block. Schmaelzle got free for a lay up (off an inbounds play) that sent Coach Holly O'Connell to a time out.

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But that only allowed Conte to set up a perfect baseline feed from Shauna Naciewicz to Stone for the points that would put the Brownies up by a snowman. The home fans were getting a bit giddy-fully expecting another laugher.

But, hold onto your hats homestand breath. The Panthers were back in Agawam's face faster than you could say "undefeated" (the Brownie win put them at 11-0 on the campaign). Katie Ryan was all twine from three point land and Karen Guilmette stayed with a rebound long enough to find it a pro-

Schmaelzle answered with one of two free throws before Martha Rabbitt filled it up on a gut-sy drive through the paint. The Panthers closed the gap to 9-7 and they stayed right in Goliath's

face the rest of the game.

Agawam had a devil of a time holding onto the rock in the first half. The backcourt made a series of unorthodox and poor passes and an unnerving amount of double dribble and travelling violations. Cathedral was changing defenses about once every two possessions and it served to thoroughly confuse the Brownies.

Katie LaBreck came off the bench to hit one of two free throws for a 10-7 lead, but Cathedral got Ryan free in the corner again for another deuce and then it took the lead on an Eileen Flaherty bucket on the short baseline. Stone drove strong to the hole from out top on the left side to regain the lead. But Rabbitt stepped back behind the arc and drilled one that gave her mates a 14-12 lead. This was getting serious and both teams had their game faces on.

Stone powered home another one as she kept working on her game high 20 points. That tied the score which Agawam's Dina DeMarco soon untied. She stayed with her own miss long enough to throw it in for the go-ahead score. Stone caught a bullet from DeMarco out top and then cleared

some room for another hoop.

The Brownies played well for the remainder of the half and left the court with a 24-19 lead at intermission. The late surge seemed to raise the confidence level of the team and saved a few fingernails in the stands. But Cathedral had answers immediately upon exiting their locker

LaBreck 17-Footer Gives Lead Back To Agawam
Lisa Vedovelli and Flaherty both scored hoops
to trim the lead to one. Rabbitt connected from the corner to put Cathedral ahead 25-24. It might have been worse had Rabbitt not misfired on two consecutive free throws. Conte went to a timeout with 13:46 to go and the resulting play following the break was a LaBreck 17-footer that gave Agawam its lead back.

Cathedral kept going to the well and it kept bringing in kids that made positive contributions. For the next two minutes, it was Julia Archacki who would steal the show with her hell-bent-forleather play in the low post. She smashed around for a rebound basket which gave the Panthers the

one point lead.

Schmaelzle tied it with a free throw, but Archacki got herself to the line for an important play. She made the first free throw and missed the second. Flaherty, a hard worker in her own right, got inside for the rebound of that miss and she snuck it home to give Cathedral a 30-27 lead.

Agawam would waste another possession and Cathedral appeared to lose the ball out of bounds. As the call went the other way (possession was given to the Panthers), Conte got a technical for leaving the coaches' box to protest. Flaherty hit one of the two free throws and Cathedral was about 31.27 ahead 31-27.

That technical foul seemed to go a long way towards deciding the contest. Conte's troops, sensing his mood, went on a 9-0 run that had the Agawam fans coming out of their chairs time and again. Stone hit one of two free throws (a trend in this game) and then LaBreck swished another one from deep out on top. Stone took another beautiful Naciewicz feed to give Agawam a 32-31 lead that sent Cathedral to a timeout with 8:22 left in the game.

DeMarco swung herself into the corner, accepted a pass, and drained one from there. Then Schmaelzle hit two free throws to put the

Brownies up by five, 36-31.
Nicole Marshall (still another kid who made her presence felt) rescued a traffic rebound to pull her club within three. DeMarco missed the one and one on the line and Rabbitt took the rebound and went upcourt. She drained another three pointer which tied the game at 36-36. Nobody was planning on leaving early.

Cathedral had several chances to take the lead as Rabbitt missed the front end of the bonus at the line and Archacki's two chances at the rim

following rebounds both went awry.

Stone got Agawam back on top by crawling one over the front rim and then Schmaelzle hit a big shot from the right elbow for a 40-36 advantage.

Flaherty got two more on the baseline before Naciewicz scored her only two points of the night by whistling one through from the left corner for a 42-38 lead.

Cathedral wasn't going anywhere. Marshall worked one in deep on the right block and she cut it to two. Guilmette followed with one of two free throws, sawing the lead to 42-41 with 1:33 to play.

DeMarco Pass Serves To Be Game Winner That's when DeMarco looked over the top of the defense and recognized the double team on Stone in the middle. Dina threaded a beautiful pass over the top to Schmaelzle, who took one step to the hole and laid it up off glass for the goal that would serve to be the game winner. Stone made one of two from the line with 23.8 seconds to go for the four point lead and there was no further scoring.

With that performance (on the road, no less!) Cathedral has vaulted into position to be one of the horses looking to go to the post come tourna-

For my money—I'd love to see the rematch at the Civic Center. It could be another dandy...

Sports A La Carte...

Good Exposure For All-Star Hockey Game; Go, Celtics!; Luis Rivera A NY Met?

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

Everybody who reads this space knows that I didn't watch the NHL All-Star game—hockey isn't part of my TV viewing plate. But, I will say this—from all the radio talk that I heard, the game had quite a few good tough hits and some very solid

They got a chance to showcase their game in front of a large audience and in the Big Apple, and ney did themselves proud. I have always hoped that the sport could get a solid television deal and, thus, an opportunity to present players other than MARIO LEMIEUX, WAYNE GRETZKY, ERIC

LINDROS, et al...
GLENN ORDWAY and QUINN BUCKNER are old friends of mine from the Celtic family. I was the junior man at WRKO when Ordway was se-cond banana to JOHNNY MOST in those days, and Buckner was a hard-working defensive guard

Now. Ordway is the Voice of the C's (what a time to get the gig, eh?), and Buckner has retired from the league and taken the reins of the Dallas Mavericks as head coach. While playing the Mavs on the road the other night, Ordway had this to say about his old friend: "Quinn knows this game so well, but I think that he has the shackles on his young players too tight. It seems like he has a set play for every possession, and the kids never get a chance to loosen up and play their game."

True or not, it is easy to take shots at a guy who

has won two of his first 39 games ...

Speaking of Super Bowl heroes, did you see where former Redskin QB DOUG WILLIAMS has hired on as a coach for the Naval Academy. Funny thing is, he is going to be the running backs'

Glad to see that NANCY KERRIGAN is eating

her chicken noodle soup these days. She deserves an endorsement or two because of the ordeal which she has endured, but I'm not sure that watching her knock over a hockey player is the image that Campbell's should want to project, especially in light of what happened. But, as they say, don't underestimate the power of soup... Every time somebody wants to bury the Celtics,

they kick another spadeful of dirt off themselves. They've righted themselves just in time for their national television appearance against the Suns on Super Sunday.

It seems weird to think like this, but if they don't act up (i.e., get blown out by 30), maybe the Peacock will invite them again. It used to be that they featured the likes of BIRD and MCHALE and WALTON, etc.; now the promos are featuring the Boston Garden itself..

I remember when DANNY MANNING was the hottest thing in basketball, but I was truly surprised to see the amount of interest that there still is in him. He was a real treat to watch while playing collegiately at Kansas, and it seems as if he has disappeared since he came to the pros.

guess that's what happens when you visit Clipperland. You can check out anytime you like,

and you always want to leave...
LUIS RIVERA is going from the basement to the outhouse. Our old buddy just signed himself a deal with the Mets. He ought to have a ball this

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BOYS' 10-12 AMERICAN DIVISION Professional Traffic System E.B.'s Specialty Chicken Briggs & Starr Insurance Corner Deli Fran's Restaurant	W 3 2 2 1 0	L 0 1 1 2 3
NATIONAL DIVISION Auth Fuels Spirit Shoppe Valenti's Agawam Opticians Movie Mart	W 3 2 2 0 0	L 0 1 1 3 3
BOYS' 13-15 AMERICAN DIVISION Briggs and Starr Ins. Auth Fuels Provin Mt. Farms EB's Specialty Chicken	W 3 2 1 0	L 0 1 2 3
NATIONAL DIVISION Fran's Restaurant Worldtek Travel Feeding Hills Pharmacy Agawam Opticians	W 3 2 1 0	L 0 1 2 3

AAA Girls' Weekly **Basketball Standings**

GIRLS' 8-10

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Westfield Savings Bank	2	0
Worldtek Travel	2	0
Agawam Police	1	1
Professional Traffic Systems	1	1
Agawam Auto Sales	0	2
Aldrich Insurance	0	2

GIRLS' 11-13

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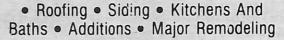
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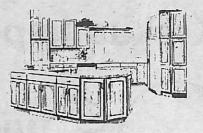
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